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## **NEWS and INFORMATION**

### **SUSD Governing Board Approves Plan to Get Technology Into the Classroom Faster**

*Classrooms will be set up this fall*

**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.** (June 18, 2009) – The Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) Governing Board approved the recommendations for classroom technology and the financing for the Capital Outlay Override at their June 16th meeting.

Included are the purchase and installation of Phase I and Phase II classroom technology equipment from CCS Presentation Systems. Originally, SUSD was going to roll out this new technology in two separate phases so classrooms would have received the Phase I implementation first. This includes a projector, a document camera and an audio system. Phase II, which is the installation of an interactive white board, would not have happened until the following year. The new plan calls for combining the two phases into a single roll-out. "Combining both phases is beneficial for the students, the teachers and the District," explained Tom Clark, executive director for Technology and Information Systems for SUSD. By purchasing everything in volume, the District will have a better return on investment, and teachers and students will benefit by receiving all the technology at one time.

Once the roll-out is complete, a typical classroom will include a ceiling-mounted projector, a document camera, a wireless audio system and an interactive white board. "We are educating students who have grown up in the technology age; they are tech-savvy," Clark said. "It is important to teach them using tools that prepare them for the world they will enter after graduation."

Included in this implementation is an extensive professional development plan for all employees. Employees will have access to differentiated professional development throughout the school year. For teachers, the ultimate goal is to provide technology training that will help them increase student learning. "By 2012 all of our teachers will have a laptop to accompany the technology equipment that is being installed in their classrooms. This will all be used to enhance the learning environment for students," said Andi Furlis, director of Recruitment and Professional Development for SUSD.

Both Clark and Furlis said they are already receiving a lot of positive feedback from the school communities. "Parents, students and teachers are all very excited about this," said Clark. The roll-out should be completed by the end of the fall semester.

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