

Honorable Members of the Board of Education
Fayette County
210 Stonewall Avenue
Fayetteville, GA 30214

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Dear Board of Education Members:

It has come to our attention that J.C. Booth Middle School has the highest student-to-computer ratio in the entire Fayette County School District at 1 to 3.49. Likewise, we also noticed the worst three schools were in the same feeder system (Huddleston ES, J.C. Booth MS and McIntosh HS), none having representation on the Fayette County Schools Strategic Technology Planning Committee.

We urge the Board of Education to act on the following:

1. Create policies or guidelines ensuring the equitable distribution of technology across the district.
2. Create policies or guidelines ensuring comparable modernity of technology across the district.
3. Examine ways to use bond/ESPLOST funding to immediately resolve the disparity in student-to-computer ratios and modernity of technology.
4. Examine ways to use bond/ESPLOST funding to immediately resolve the problem of inadequate technology furniture (proper ergonomic desks and chairs) suitable for keyboard use in J. C. Booth Middle School, and the supply of proper technology furniture to accompany any additional allotments of computing capacity.
5. Devise a system for proper installation and training of school personnel upon receipt of the new In-Computing systems due to a lack of full-time technical staff on site.
6. Ensure that classrooms which had previously received sound and projection technology in years past via grants and other funding receive updated equipment as part of the 21st Century Classroom renovations.
7. Create a district budget line item to cover the sizable cost of bulb replacement (hundreds of dollars per bulb) to maintain the 21st Century Classroom projection systems.
8. Develop a more legitimate method to analyze student technology literacy than the current standard.

Respectfully submitted,

School Council, J.C. Booth Middle School

Enclosure: Student-to-computer ratio data sheet

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