

FUNDING

How are we going to pay for a technology initiative in today's weak economy?

Farm Sale

In May 2012, the Board of Education sold 78 acres of farmland that had been purchased several years ago by a previous school board. The farm sold for over \$690,000. The entire proceeds from this sale is dedicated to fund technology infrastructure, equipment, and other initiative needs.

Repurposing of Funds

District personnel reviewed the budget line by line rededicating over \$250,000. All funds that were reprioritized will now go towards the digital conversion. A few examples of repurposed funds are:

- **Textbooks** will be provided in a digital format.
- **Student workbooks** will be provided in a digital format.
- **Paper/Copy Expenses** will be greatly reduced once students are given a device.

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How Can You Help?

The first and best way for families to get involved with our Digital Conversion is to ask a student about it! This will give you an account of how laptops/devices are being used in our schools directly from the main source. We encourage parents to talk to their students about school work and how they are using technology. We also encourage parents to require their children to use their laptop in a common room of the house. We strongly encourage parents to join us in continually monitoring the use of the device. Student safety is paramount!

What lies ahead are laptop/device distribution and collection days. **Please assist us in this task.**

These are just a few ways parents can help make this initiative a success.

It is critical that parents and schools partner to create maximum opportunity for **student achievement.**

For more information and how you can support this initiative, please contact your child's building principal.

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DIGITAL CONVERSION



Student Achievement Is Our Focus!

<http://www.jersey100.k12.il.us/>

Why Digital Conversion?

Gone are the days of drill and kill, sitting in rows, memorizing facts and boring classroom lectures.



Our children live in a much different world than most of us experienced growing up. Smart phones and video games were not the norm. Children

learn very differently through technology devices. 21st Century students need instruction that takes them beyond basic fact and recall. Students are expected to be challenged in a way that inspires them to create, collaborate, and solve problems that prepare them for a career that quite possibly has yet to be invented.

Jersey CUSD No. 100 is committed to preparing **ALL** students to be successful and become positive contributors to our communities and society.

What is a Digital Conversion?

Many schools across our nation are beginning to implement one-to-one (1:1) initiatives in order to meet the demands of how children learn. Grade 5 thru 12 students will be provided a laptop/device to use in their studies at school and home.

Jersey CUSD No. 100 is implementing a “**Digital Conversion**” that includes a 1:1 initiative. We choose to call our initiative a digital conversion because it is more than just the delivery of a laptop/device to each student. It involves delivering knowledge, skills, and information in an entirely new way—digitally.

In a digital conversion, teachers become facilitators of learning, not givers of knowledge. Digital conversion is a way for schools to be more efficient, higher performing, and fiscally responsible. Students learn to collaborate with their peers as they work on projects utilizing technological resources to create and solve.

In addition, teachers and administrators will have real-time access to student achievement data, allowing them to provide immediate help to students who are struggling with a particular skill.

TIME LINE

August 2012

- Classes at JCHS and Illini will begin to pilot digital curriculum.

August 2012—July 2013

- Teachers receive training on integration of technology into instruction.
- Install infrastructure for digital conversion: wireless Network, bandwidth, Servers, filters, etc.-

August 2013

- **Laptops/Devices dispersed to students in grades 5-12**
- Teachers /students begin teaching and learning in the 21st Century

