



## District Business & Advisory Services

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Bulletin: 13-036

Date: October 15, 2012

To: District Fiscal Directors  
Charter School Administrators

From: Ann Redd

Re: Technology Reimbursements Vouchers Available

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The purpose of this e-mail is to notify you that Technology Reimbursement Vouchers are still available for Education Technology in K-12 Programs throughout the state.

### Background Information:

The California Education Technology K-12 Voucher Program is the result of the settlement of a class-action lawsuit brought by California consumers and businesses concerning certain Microsoft software. As part of this Settlement, if the total amount of vouchers claimed and redeemed by the Class is less than \$1.1 billion, vouchers worth two-thirds of the remainder will be distributed to public schools in California that have at least 40% of their students from low-income households.

I have attached information on the Ed Tech K-12 Voucher Program and included the districts within Santa Clara County who have balances remaining; however, to view the entire list and other program information, please use the following link <http://www.edtechk12vp.com>.

**The deadline to use the vouchers is September 25, 2013.** If you need help accessing the funds, contact Doris Stephen, Education programs Consultant, California Department of Education, at (916) 324-9943 or <http://www.dstephen@cde.ca.gov>.

*Please distribute this memo within your District as deemed appropriate.*

Number	Name	Current GPV Balance	Current SV Balance
<a href="#">4369369</a>	ALUM ROCK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$33,560.15	\$354,527.82
<a href="#">4369377</a>	BERRYESSA UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$6,486.49	\$20,115.11
<a href="#">4369385</a>	CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT - CLOSED	\$37.19	\$39.81
<a href="#">4369393</a>	CAMPBELL UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$14,054.33	\$53,217.51
<a href="#">4369401</a>	CAMPBELL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$25,783.99	\$66,982.68
<a href="#">4369435</a>	EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$0.00	\$82,346.38
<a href="#">4369484</a>	GILROY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$30,077.26	\$26,417.83
<a href="#">4369542</a>	LUTHER BURBANK SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$0.00	\$137.31
<a href="#">4373387</a>	MILPITAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$9,934.56	\$6,211.13
<a href="#">4369575</a>	MORELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$2,672.07	\$13,493.15
<a href="#">4369609</a>	MOUNTAIN VIEW-LOS ALTOS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$9,732.05	\$43,219.85
<a href="#">4369591</a>	MOUNTAIN VIEW-WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$0.00	\$3,353.63
<a href="#">4369625</a>	OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$25,216.31	\$107,303.02
<a href="#">4369633</a>	ORCHARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$2,252.40	\$2,252.39
<a href="#">4330676</a>	SAN JOSE CONSERVATION CORPS CHARTER	\$5,080.33	\$5,080.32
<a href="#">4369666</a>	SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$5,998.06	\$0.00
<a href="#">4310439</a>	SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION	\$65,915.02	\$65,915.00
<a href="#">4369674</a>	SANTA CLARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$38,736.86	\$38,736.85
<a href="#">4369690</a>	SUNNYVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$10,478.42	\$11,859.00
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**GPV = General Purpose Voucher**

**SV = Software Voucher**

California Department of Education (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/et/st/etvbkgrnd.asp>)  
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## Ed Tech K-12 Voucher: Background

Background information for the Education Technology K-12 Voucher Program.

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The Education Technology K-12 Voucher Program resulted from the Settlement Agreement between California consumers and Microsoft Corporation in *Microsoft Cases*, J.C.C.P. No. 4106, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Department 305. A separate fund (termed "cy pres fund") was established with 66 2/3 percent of the difference between the Face Value Amount of the Settlement (\$1.1 billion) and the amount of issued Consumer Vouchers. The cy pres fund amount, in the form of vouchers, will be offered to eligible schools through a district grant process. Although the exact amount available for the cy pres fund will not be known at the time the request for application (RFA) is available, it is estimated to be substantial, and we expect that all schools that fit the guidelines set out below will be able to obtain benefits under the program.

The cy pres amount will be in the form of 50 percent General Purpose Vouchers and 50 percent Specific Category Software Vouchers. The vouchers can be redeemed for a variety of goods and services, as described in the [Frequently Asked Questions](#). Public school districts that have a state-approved technology plan may apply on behalf of their eligible schools. County offices of education, direct-funded charter schools, and State Special Schools do not have to meet the state-approved technology plan requirement and can apply on their own behalf. "Eligible Schools," as defined in the Settlement Agreement, means all public kindergarten through twelfth grade schools at which at least 40 percent of the attending students are eligible to receive free or reduced price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). "Eligible Schools" also include all public high schools in California that serve students from public elementary, middle, and junior high schools at which at least 40 percent of the attending students are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals through the NSLP.

As per VI. Cy Pres, Sections F, I, J, and K of the settlement agreement, the California Department of Education (CDE) will be responsible for issuing the RFA, certifying voucher recipients based on criteria contained within the RFA, monitoring the program through end-of-program certification and site visitations, developing the process for determining how providers become "approved providers" for the Professional Development and IT Support Services, and posting the approved Professional Development and IT Support Services providers on the CDE Web site.

As per Section I. CC. of the settlement agreement, a Settlement Claims Administrator, selected by the Court, will be responsible for the issuing, processing, and payment of vouchers to the certified voucher recipients.

### Purpose of the Program

The vouchers made available through this Settlement Agreement are to be used to assist districts with implementing and supporting education technology that fosters effective teaching and promotes student achievement in eligible schools that serve students in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade.

The Education Technology K-12 Voucher Program is platform neutral. The vouchers distributed from the cy pres fund may be used for any platform that the school or district specifies. Disbursement of the cy pres fund will be made in two disbursement cycles. The first distribution shall be made within 30 to 60 days after the last date for general public claims submission and must be redeemed by the schools within **seven years** after the cy pres benefits are made available. The next distribution, through a second grant process at a later date, shall be two-thirds of the issued, but unredeemed, Consumer Vouchers remaining after the redemption period has expired. Vouchers from the second distribution cycle must be redeemed within **two years** after the cy pres benefits are made available.

### Eligibility Criteria

This is a district grant on behalf of eligible schools. For a school or schools to be eligible to participate in the Education Technology K-12 Voucher Program, the following criteria must be met:

- Public school serving students in any grades kindergarten through twelve
- Have a free or reduced-price lunch (FRPL) percentage of 40 percent or greater for the year prior to the grant award
- Eligible schools also include all public high schools in California that serve students from eligible elementary, middle and junior high schools (feeder schools):
  - A feeder school is any eligible elementary or middle and junior high schools that resides within the regular attendance boundaries for a high school, or any eligible elementary or middle and junior high schools that has students that have enrolled in an open enrollment or magnet high school.
- Have a district technology plan that is current at the time of the application deadline for this program that meets the Enhancing Education Through Technology criteria and has been approved through a state review process. County offices of education, direct-funded charter schools, and State Special Schools do not have to meet the state-approved technology plan requirement, for the first cy pres distribution only. Information regarding the technology plan criteria, and instructions regarding how to submit the plan, may be accessed at the [Education Technology Web site](#).

\*FRPL percentages may be verified on the [DataQuest Web site](#).

### Amount Available in Vouchers to Eligible Districts and Schools

#### First Cy Pres Distribution

The total amount in vouchers to be distributed will be determined based on the cy pres fund amount along with the number of completed applications from eligible entities. Data from the 2005 California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) will be used to calculate the per pupil voucher amount, estimated to be between \$50 and \$100 per pupil, depending on the total amount of funding and the total amount of completed applications. Consideration for small schools (schools with 300 or less students) will be provided. Districts may choose to target vouchers to support successful programs at specific eligible school sites included in the application. Vouchers do not have to be distributed to all eligible school sites. However, vouchers may only be utilized at those school sites eligible to receive vouchers.

#### Second Cy Pres Distribution

The total amount in vouchers will be distributed based on two-thirds of the unredeemed consumer vouchers determined to be approximately \$18.4 million, and the unallocated amount of \$7.1 million from the first cy pres distribution, for a total amount of \$25.5 million. This will be allocated to eligible schools at a rate of \$5.31 per student based on enrollment and free and reduced lunch data from 2009-10 data.

Questions: Education Technology Office | [edtech@cde.ca.gov](mailto:edtech@cde.ca.gov) | 916-323-5715

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