



Press Release

Computers for Schools Delivers 166 new computers

Langley, BC, Tuesday February 17th, 2009 – Walnut Grove Secondary has 166 new computers thanks to the efforts of Computers for Schools BC.

Walnut Grove Secondary needed a massive refresh of their old computers. Contacting Computers for Schools for help was the obvious choice.

“CFS was able to provide us with 166 identical Seanix brand computers within one week of putting in our request,” says computer teacher Rob Griesbeck. “This allowed us to replace over a quarter of the schools’ computers, providing significant upgrades in many classrooms, the library research stations, the counselling centre and establish a new Language Lab. The quality of equipment and service has been a godsend for the school and at \$50 each; everyone is thrilled with the new computers.”

Computers for Schools is a proven reuse organization which has been supporting Canadian schools since 1994 with quality refurbished computers donated by government and businesses. Here in BC that has amounted to 97,700 computers having their useful life extended in a school or not for profit setting.

“We were thrilled with logistics around helping Walnut Grove – most schools request and receive around 20 computers at a time, so this was one of the largest drops we’ve done directly to a school,” says Mary-Em Waddington, Executive Director of Computers for Schools, BC. “The key was corporate support and having the inventory refurbished and in place to immediately transfer the equipment.”

Government and corporate computer donations to Computers for Schools are always needed to ensure that the large numbers of identical machines schools require are available as their needs for newer technology arises. It not only supports educational opportunities but helps the environment by delivering a proven, quality, reuse model and ensuring all downstream recycling is verifiable through legitimate operations.

“We are pleased to partner with Computers for Schools BC to make this happen,” says North Vancouver District Mayor Richard Walton. “It’s important to us that our surplus computer equipment finds a good home and doesn’t end up in a landfill. Our donation demonstrates the District’s commitment to achieving our Zero Waste initiative by seeking out ways to reuse our surplus equipment and it reflects the importance the District places on supporting local communities.”

Computers for Schools, co-founded in 1993 by Industry Canada and the Telecom Pioneers, refurbishes computers and related equipment donated by governments and businesses. These computers are distributed across Canada to schools, libraries and registered not-for-profit learning organizations.

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