To: Superintendent Laura White

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Re: Black River School District

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*Decision Memo*

The many different proposals that have been received on the thoughts of what to do with the new technology have been very overwhelming. There are many proposals both good and bad, but at the same time it is a hard decision to make without some type of guidance to give you an idea of what to do. As you know, we were told about the non-profit organization known as the Center for Technology in government that is based in Alabama. It is my belief that this organization will be a valuable resource in making a decision about which proposal you should choose.

The Center for Technology in Government is a non-research institution in university at Albany in Albany, New york, whose mission is to “foster public sector innovation, enhance capability, generate public value, and support good governance”. The organization was created in 1993, and is an applied research center devoted to improving government and public services through policy, management, and technology innovation. As to how Black River will make use of its resources, it should be noted that the CTG has a variety of online tools that have assisted both government and non-profit organizations, and these tools should be sufficient for finding an innovative solution to the Black River dilemma, as that is the CTG’s specialty.

The CTG’s available online tools are as follows:

1. *Open Government Portfolio Public Value Assessment Tool* 2. *The XML Toolkit* 3. *New Models of Collaboration for Delivering Government Services: A Guide for Managers* 4. *Opening Gateways: The Guide and Online Workbench* 5. *e-Gov FirstStop* 6. *Insider's Guide to Using Information in Government*.

Because the issue at hand is in dealing with allocating the resources given to the Black River School district by Marianne Gordimer, the best resource to address this concern is #4, the Opening Gateways: The Guide and Online Workbench. This tool accommodates the demand for information to be available both electronically and readily.