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Date: October 31, 1995

To: Robert Healy, City Manager

From: James Maloney, Assistant City Manager/Fiscal *Jimmy*

Subject: City Council Order #50 of October 16, 1995

As you are aware the City Council has appropriated \$597,000 in FY 1996 for use in the initial stages of the School Department's Technology Program (Tech 2000). Based upon the work of the Tech 2000 committee and as requested by the School Committee, these funds are being used in the following manner:

1. Implement basic computer network in all elementary schools and the high school initially linking the principal's office, library, and a computer lab in each school, providing for future expandability to classrooms and other spaces in the schools. Note: Agassiz and Haggerty (new schools) and Tobin (pilot network project) will be fully linked.
2. Provide necessary equipment to fully furnish a MacIntosh Writing Center lab at CRLS.
3. Provide funding for MacIntosh computer equipment at the Tobin School to furnish at least one computer in each classroom for teacher and student network use.
4. Provide funding for MacIntosh computer equipment in all elementary schools to upgrade computer lab and library equipment and provide network capability.
5. Provide funding for network training.

This work is consistent with a design model that is expandable as more resources are made available.

The next phase of the project if approved by the City Council will create a city wide network infrastructure based on fiber optic technology. The network will link all school and city buildings and provide access to world wide technology resources. The cost of the network is estimated to be \$3,000,000. At this time it is not clear whether an appropriation request for this amount will be submitted to the City Council this winter or in the spring with the balance of FY 1997 budget recommendations.



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November 6, 1995

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 55, regarding a report on the Tech 2000 Plan, received from Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs James P. Maloney.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda #11 *S-352*

Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Fifty-five regarding a report
on the status of the Tech 2000 plan.

*for original order
see 1995 City
Manager Requests
457.*

In City Council November 6, 1995

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