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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Jim McBride, Ed.D. 

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SUBJECT: One Laptop Per Child Organization

INFORMATION TO SHARE

One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide laptops to children aged 6-16 in developing countries with little to no access to learning. The laptop has been built to last for five years in extreme conditions and can withstand spills and drops up to five feet. Users will be able to charge the laptop with solar power or by hand crank.

The laptop is equipped with 256 megabytes of memory and a 433-megahertz processor with a Linux-based interface. Microsoft is developing a version of Windows that would run on the laptop. Currently, Microsoft Vista needs at least four times the laptop's memory. Nevertheless, the laptop may be worth considering.

OLPC has been collaborating with developing countries and has begun working with various states on programs that will bring laptops to children in the United States. Beginning November 12, 2007, OLPC will be offering a promotion called "Give One, Get One." For \$399, you can purchase two laptops -- one will be sent to a child in a developing country and one for your child. The promotion will end November 26, 2007.

For more information on One Laptop Per Child organization or the "Give One, Get One" promotion, please visit their website at <http://www.xogiving.org>.

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