

# How the Granby Public Schools utilizes and benefits from technology through the "Computers for Learning" Program



#### **Background Information**

- The Granby Public Schools consist of two buildings:
  - East Meadow School
  - Granby Jr. Sr. High School
- There are more that 350 computers in use between the two schools
- Due to budgetary constraints, many of the computers were acquired through donations mostly through the Computers for Learning Program (CFL).
- As of today, 100% of the computers in use at the Granby Jr. Sr. High School were acquired through donations
- ✓ The majority of the donated computers were provided by the CFL program through the dedicated staff at Westover Air Reserve Base.

#### How does the CFL program help us?

- Access to computers for public education is no longer a novelty; it is a necessity.
  - Acquiring technology skills is essential for students to be successful in college and ready for employment.
  - Technology is necessary to deliver course content in most classes, not only computer courses. It would be very difficult to effectively today's curriculum in content areas, such as English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, etc. without access to technology.
  - The CFL provides the necessary computers for schools to meet the digital learning needs of students when the local school does not have the financial resources to do so on their own.

The next set of pages will provide examples of how these computers help.

### All of the computers in the following pictures were provided by Westover Air Reserve Base!

#### Granby Jr. Sr. High School

Room 113 Google Lab



The above classroom is used by grades 7 -12. Students are taught advanced computers skills and also use this lab for research projects.



The Dell laptops in this lab were recently donated by Westover Air Base. The laptops were configured to function like Chromebooks. Chromebooks have become an important instructional tool in schools and we were grateful to receive these laptops.

#### Granby Jr. Sr. High School Library

Today, much of the research done in the library utilizes the computer and internet. The library at the Granby Jr. Sr. High School is also used for grades 7 & 8 computer classes where students continue to learn about "Digital Literacy." Most of the classes taught use online internet resources.

The Lenovo laptops below are used everyday for classes in the library. Their slim profile makes it easy to move them around the library for activities requiring such.

The HP 6005's are deployed throughout the library for student use.





## Granby Jr. Sr. High School Advanced Computer Courses

**Computer Lab Room 109** 



Since these courses require computers with adequate processor speed and additional memory (RAM), the donation of HP 6005 desktops from Westover was very helpful.

- The above classroom is used for advanced computer classes such as:
  - Advanced Computer Applications
  - Graphic Arts
  - Computer Assisted Drafting
  - Advanced Placement Computer Science

#### **Granby Jr. Sr. High School Classroom Computers**

- All of our classrooms have internet accessible computers.
- Almost all of the computers at the Granby Jr. Sr. High School were acquired from CFL through Westover.
- These computers are used continuously throughout the day by teachers and students for various learning activities. They are a vital part of all educational programs.



#### West Street School – Library/Media Center Grades PK - 3

Although the West Street School has since closed, for more than ten years, it operated exclusively on donated computers. Many of the donated computers were acquired through the CFL.

The CFL computers at West Street allowed the students to learn very important technology skills during their formative years such as:

- Basic Computer use and navigation
- Computer safety, etiquette and appropriate use, etc.
- Basic online research



The CFL program provides a vital resource for the Granby Public Schools so that our students can engage in learning activities necessary for success beyond high school.

We are very grateful for the dedicated staff at Westover Air Reserve base and their tremendous

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