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Memorandum

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Subject: Free cash appropriations

Free cash in the amount of \$200,000 – Hardware Replacement

This free cash appropriation continues the ability of the IT Department to replace crucial systems on a replacement cycle. Currently, these funds will go toward a new telephone system at MHS, MVMMS, Horace Mann, Franklin, Hoover and Winthrop schools. Additionally, a project to replace all of the networking backbone equipment will be funded by this appropriation.

Free cash in the amount of \$50,000 – MVMMS Security Cameras

Last year, the Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kukenberger identified the security camera system at the MVMMS as a priority for replacement. Since that time I have worked to find funds for this purpose. Mr. Dello Russo and Mayor Brodeur worked with State Representative Kate Lipper Garabedian to obtain state funds for this project. A \$100,000 proposal was made however, the state voted to approve \$50,000 for this project. Since the project was estimated to cost approximately \$100,000, the Mayor's Office decided to put forth \$50,000 in matching funds to fill out the project.

The system at the MVMMS is the original one installed when the building was built and opened in 2006. They are either failed, working improperly and not adequate. They are all cable-connected black and white units.

Free Cash in the amount of \$20,000 – Social Media Archiving

The city and schools are in need of a system to archive the social media accounts being used by staff. To be in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, we require a system that will archive and make retrievable, content posted and collected on our various social media. Additionally, this system will archive chat conversations taking place in the new M365 solution just implemented in the city. The content and search capabilities will be made accessible to the Solicitor's office for faster retrieval.