

## **FHSD Technology Budget Reductions**

2015-2016:

- Reduce District Technology operating budget by \$900,000
  - Freeze technology refresh cycle – no funding for new devices
  - Reduce number of staff to support classroom technology
  - Reduce training for technology

2016-2017:

- Freeze technology refresh cycle (second year)

## **Technology Refresh Cycle**

The technology refresh cycle is a systematic plan to update student and staff computers, laptops, mobile devices, SMART Boards, network equipment, and phone equipment. By placing the refresh cycle on hold for the past two years, new devices were not provided to schools and classrooms, except in very limited circumstances.

The refresh cycle freeze placed a significant strain on the District's ability to provide appropriate student access to technology. The refresh cycle was reinstated for FY18, as the need to update devices was critical to the instructional program. This refresh cycle will not replace all of the outdated devices, nor will it approach the replacement levels proposed as part of Prop Howell. The reboot of the device refresh cycle results in a slight increase to the District Technology budget for FY18, yet is still lower than operating budgets in FY14 and FY15.