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PPS School Community:

I wanted to extend a sincere thank you to all those who made the Berkshire Wireless Laptop Initiative (BWL I) a success. In Pittsfield, the generosity of many sponsors coupled with the efforts of state and local legislators, school committee members, and Chamber of Commerce leaders enabled all students at Herberg and Reid Middle School access to a laptop computer. As [the report](#) suggests, we believe that this access has increased student engagement, influenced teaching and learning, has impacted student achievement, and fostered the development of twenty-first century skills. Again, we thank all those involved in this project (listed below).

In Pittsfield, we are committed to continuing to provide access to technology in light of fiscal constraints. To that end, we will continue to work creatively to purchase and bundle equipment within our schools for use by students and staff. In addition, we will explore funding to enhance access to technology, with the goal being the 1:1 ratio we have realized over the course of the BWL I.

Sincerely,

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