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To Whom It May Concern:

As a student of Spencer County Public Schools I am concerned about the budget for technology to enhance student learning. While researching information for my senior project I came across unsettling statistics about budgeting for technology in the schools of the United States. Spencer is not exempt from this unsettling statistic. All schools including rural schools must have technology policies and plans that reflect the needs of students of the 21st century.

One of the most pressing issues is budget. Most schools do not budget enough for technology and do not currently have technology plans in place for replacement and maintenance of hardware and software. Districts are restricted by budgets to provide updated technology. The ratio of one to one technology for students is unrealized in most districts across the United States. For our students to compete in the global world they now live in, technology budgeting must come to the forefront. While the basics are important, districts must realize that technology is basic in the 21st century. Grant writing is a way that districts may generate auxiliary funds to enhance technology budgets.

Technology is growing by leaps and bounds. It is hard to create funds in an already stretched budget, but our students deserve the ability to be able to compete competently with current technology. I have had a wonderful experience as a student of Spencer county schools. I feel that future generations need the cutting edge technology that is offered in our global marketplace. To ensure their full potential as participants in the technology world, budgets and school districts will have to rise to meet the growing needs of the future in technology.

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