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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to offer my sincerest concern for calculators within the mathematics department at Pikeville High School. We currently are implementing TI-83 and TI-84 graphing calculators into our classroom instruction. Over the years, we've had several calculators that have stopped working, especially the TI-83 models. We are at a point where we need to purchase a classroom set in order to replenish all teachers to have enough for their individual classes. We've looked into purchasing and realized that Texas Instrument is no longer putting any research/money into improving the TI-84 edition. Their primary focus is on the TI-Nspire models. We would like to purchase a classroom set of TI-Nspire CX editions (Non CAS) which are allowed on the ACT. We feel that money spent towards this calculator will be better served in the future than money spent towards TI-84 editions. Also, the TI-Nspire calculators have rechargeable batteries with charging/docking stations which would help with cost of batteries in the future. After looking through past purchase orders, a fourth of the mathematics department funds are spent on batteries alone. Our plan is to implement the calculator set into one teachers' classroom, take that specific teacher's current calculators and distribute those amongst the other mathematics teachers to provide them with full classroom sets again. As a mathematics department, we have \$1,000.00 to put towards a set of calculators which is short of the actual cost for a complete classroom set. We are asking, if at all possible, that you may be able to fund the rest of the cost of these calculators. We want to implement these calculators as quickly as possible for student use so they are comfortable with using these before testing. The cost for 30 calculators and charging/docking stations is \$4,162.47. That means we need \$3,162.47 to come up with this total amount. We are striving daily to improve the mathematics department here at Pikeville High School and feel this would be a leap in the right direction into our future (TI-Nspire) instead of investing more money into the past technology (TI-84).

Feel free to contact me if you have future questions or concerns by mail at 120 Championship Drive Pikeville, KY 41501, by phone at (606) 432-0185 between the hours of 2:00-3:30 pm, or by e-mail at [ginger.mullins@pikeville.kyschools.us](mailto:ginger.mullins@pikeville.kyschools.us).

Sincerely,

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