

## MEMO

To: Race to the Top Reviewers  
From: Robert Pilkington, Ed.D.  
Date: January 8, 2010  
Re: LEA Competitive Grants

Please be advised that the Beacon School is interesting in exploring the LEA Competitive grants process in order to access the funding needed to vastly up-grade the technology within our PBGR system. The goal of the school is to have a 1:1 ratio of computers to students. In moving towards this goal the following will be achieved:

- Greater access to CAD programs in support of STEM initiatives
- Increased capacity in the NWEA longitudinal testing system (innovative assessment)
- Increased capacity to instruct to and assess technology standards
- Enhance the school's online portfolio and student record keeping systems (PBGR)
- Remove present barriers for teachers in implementing technology use in the classroom