Chapter 18
How Do We Close the Gap between Technology Innovation and Available Funding?

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Roosevelt School District, a small urban elementary school district, is trying to find a way to purchase new digital technology for campuses. The bases of this case study are to develop a plan for how the district can pay for new technology.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Today, in the United States approximately $520.2 billion dollars of federal money is filtered directly to the states. That may seem like a huge amount of money but when all states and districts are competing for the same pot of money, it really is not.

Where does all the money go? The cost of educating children in America has become very expensive. Costly government programs initiated by the federal government make it difficult for school districts to provide what students and teachers require. Some government sponsored programs include: “No Child Left Behind”, Title I programs, standardized testing, bilingual education, nutrition programs, early childhood programs, school vouchers, dropout prevention, and teen pregnancy...

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