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What: Lt. Governor Pat Quinn will help the Computers for Schools Association launch
"100 Percent Day," an ambitious plan to collect 100,000 used computers in only two days.
When: Tuesday, April 18, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Chicago International Charter School, Bucktown Campus
2235 N. Hamilton, Chicago

Ever wonder what to do with that old computer? Donate it!

Help the Computers for Schools Association Collect 100,000 computers for Earth Day!

Great Visuals: A truckload of computers outside – students learning with technology inside

This Tuesday, April 18, 1:30 p.m., Lt. Governor Pat Quinn will help the Computers for Schools Association launch "100 Percent Day," an ambitious plan to collect 100,000 used computers in only two days.

"This Saturday is Earth Day and there is no better way to celebrate than by donating those old computers," Quinn said. "Not only can we reduce the strain on our landfills, but we can reuse those computers to help bridge the digital divide."

The Computers for Schools Association is a national non-profit dedicated to bridging the digital divide and supporting environmental responsibility through the refreshment of prematurely retired computers. The Association has placed more than 25,000 refurbished computers in schools, non-profit organizations, and need-based homes.

And now, in celebration of Earth Day, Computers for Schools is challenging itself and the nation to collect 100,000 used computers in only two days.

The goal is big but far from impossible. It is estimated that an average of 100,000 computers are discarded every day in the United States. Computers for Schools aims to collect just one day's worth of discarded computers.

All computers collected on April 21 and April 22 will count toward the nationwide goal. To donate a computer visit the following locations:

Corporations: Friday, April 21, at 3350 N. Kedzie

Individuals: Saturday, April 22 at the Goose Island Drop Off Center: 1150 N. Branch

"The Computer for Schools Association is challenging the nation to reuse and recycle computers," Quinn said. "Recycling our used computers will reduce the amount of hazardous materials in our landfills and allow our students to learn with technology. We – in the state of Illinois – accept this challenge."

Quinn will be joined by Willie Cade, CEO of the Computer for Schools Association; Turon Ivy, director of the Chicago International Charter School and; T.J. Trojan, divisional president of NEC Display Solutions.

NEC Display Solutions, a company specializing in visual display products has donated 1,000 17- and 18-inch displays to Computers for Schools, and they will donate a 30-inch display to the Chicago International Charter School during the press conference. A computer demonstration and assembly will follow the press conference.

Lt. Governor Quinn serves as Chairman of the Broadband Deployment Council and the Green Government Coordinating Council. The Broadband Council was created under Executive Order in September to address Internet access needs for all Illinois citizens and to help bridge the digital divide. The Green Government Coordinating Council works with state agencies to develop policies that reduce pollution and incorporate conservation into government operations.

For information about more ways to bridge the digital divide, please visit www.IllinoisConnect.org.

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