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North Dublin nets over €30K in funding for IT equipment in schools – Kennedy

OVER €30,000 in funding has been allocated through the Dormant Accounts Fund to improve IT equipment in schools across North Dublin, Deputy Michael Kennedy revealed this morning (October 24, 2007).

Deputy Kennedy said: “The funding is designed to give school-aged children greater access to information and communication technology (ICT) which is a vital educational resource in this day and age.”

“I am proud to say that four schools in my constituency have been allocated grants of €7,000 and upwards for the purchase of ICT equipment such as digital cameras, laptops, tablet PCs, interactive whiteboards and educational software. Each school can tailor its purchases to its needs, ensuring that the best value is got from the grant.”

“The schools in receipt of the new funding are:

- Balbriggan Community College - €7,500
- SN Naomh Treasa, Balbriggan - €7,500
- St Finians Community College, Swords - €8,475
- St Joseph’s Secondary School, Rush - €7,000

Deputy Kennedy added: “Today’s funding and the equipment it will provide will help develop the IT skills of hundreds of children, laying the groundwork for the entire duration of their education. ICT equipment brings the classroom to life, making learning more interactive and enjoyable. Items like laptops and interactive whiteboards help engage pupils, keeping their attention on their school work and ensuring better participation all-round.”

Deputy Kennedy concluded: “The funding is allocated to schools taking part in the Department of Education’s DEIS scheme, which aims to promote equality of opportunity among schools and I believe this funding will go a long way towards providing some fantastic opportunities for our children.”