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Dear Mr. Lee,

Thank you for the City's continuing partnership with the College of Central Florida. To expand our hands-on learning capacity, I respectfully request the reallocation of the following surplus workstations:

Qty	Model
6	Dell Optiplex 7070
2	Dell Optiplex 7080
1	Dell Optiplex 7040
2	Dell Latitude E5550
2	Dell Latitude 5500
2	Dell Latitude E5570
3	Dell Latitude 5580

Two collegiate clubs, the Cyber Sentinels and Code Collective, will collaborate on a shared lab environment. This partnership will provide students with hands-on experience in secure network design, DevOps automation, and industry-specific tools like Kali Linux, Wireshark, Splunk, and Docker. Working on hardware that mirrors regional employer infrastructures reinforces the NIST NICE competencies, generates portfolio-ready artifacts, and measurably boosts graduates' readiness for entry-level cybersecurity, developer, and systems-integration roles.

By re-purposing these Optiplex desktops, the City will (1) nurture a pipeline of job-ready talent for municipal and local business IT teams, (2) strengthen community cyber-resilience through club-led pro bono assessments, and (3) extend the useful life of existing assets to support sustainability goals. I would welcome a brief meeting to discuss logistics such as pickup, asset tags, and any reporting you may require. Thank you for considering this request and championing experiential education that benefits our students and community.

Sincerely,

Ron Kielty
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