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## **Standard Systems Group donates computers to local school**

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**MAXWELL AFB, GUNTER ANNEX, Ala** –Out with the old and in with the new. That’s a positive description of the Standard Systems Group’s Communication and Information Directorate’s recent donation to an Autauga County public school. Marbury High School received 20 computer systems from the Air Force, thanks to the DoD-directed School Donation Program.

The program revolves around Presidential Executive Order 12999, which calls for ensuring opportunity for all children in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Signed by former President Bill Clinton in April of 1996, the order streamlines the processes of transferring surplus computer resources to our nation’s classrooms and connecting those classrooms to the National Information Infrastructure.

The School Donation Program requires that computer equipment must be first offered to other DoD organizations. If no other organizations need it, used equipment may be donated to schools.

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Amn. Garrett Slaughter with the Communication and Information Directorate says that usually when the AF gets new computers, the older ones are repaired and wiped clean of any programs. Then the PCs can be given to schools who request them.

Slaughter's job is to find functional PCs that are similar in appearance, to handle the paperwork involved in the donation process, and to make arrangements for the pick-up of the computer resources.

"We try to give away about 20 a week," Slaughter said. Included in the contribution to Marbury High School were CPUs, monitors, keyboards and mice.

Another recent donation owing its initiation to the educational technology Executive Order 12999 was to Wetumpka Intermediate School.

The School Donation Program offers excess Federal computer resources to state, parochial, or home-schools with state-approved registration, including elementary-through high-schools, two- and four-year colleges, and universities.

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