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## Deployment of 5,000 iPads is largest ever in Michigan

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The Fraser Public Schools district in Michigan can now boast the largest iPad deployment in the state. The project also ranks in the top 15 of the largest K-12 iPad deployments in the world.

The school district purchased 5,000 iPads, enough for every student in Fraser Public Schools, from Developmental Kindergarten to high school, to have one-to-one access to Apple's best-selling tablet.

Funding for the project came from the passing of the District's \$19.9 million bond in 2011.

The deployment, which began at the elementary school level in the fall, gives each classroom iPads for students from developmental kindergarten through Grade 2, and individual iPads for each student in grades 3-12. In addition to student technology, teachers and administrators also received MacBook Pro laptops and iPads, at the end of last school year.

"Teachers can now leverage technology at the point of instruction rather than only having access to computers during the assigned computer lab time," Dr. David Richards, Superintendent of <u>Fraser Public Schools</u>, said in a statement. "Our teachers can customize each child's educational plan to better meet the student's learning needs in each content area."

In addition to its own support team, Apple trainers have been working with the District, providing professional development to staff members.