SUBJECT: DECLARE FIFTY-TWO (52) COMPUTERS SURPLUS AND APPROVE DONATION TO VALLEY CENTER HIGH SCHOOL

OVERVIEW:

With the passage of Prop M, Palomar College will be replacing all of its out-of-warranty computers over the next 5 years. During the past summer, the Information Services (IS) Department replaced over 300 out-of-warranty Dell computers that are now surplus and awaiting auction to the highest bidder. At the May 2008 meeting, the board of trustees approved donating 200 surplus computers to the Vista Unified School District and now IS is requesting approval to donate another 52 to Valley Center High School. Donating the surplus computers will enable Valley Center High School to upgrade two student labs and enhance the college's assessment testing program at the high school.

DISCUSSION:

Valley Center High School is in need of more powerful computers and with recent budget cuts will not be able to purchase new computers for several years. The Palomar College surplus computers are superior to those currently running in the school's student labs and they would be welcomed by high school. Additionally, the donation of these computers would assist Palomar College staff in administering COMPASS assessment testing at the high school.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The IS Department will surplus 52 Dell GX270 computers and estimates the maximum auction value of these computers to be $20 each, or a total of $1,040. However, Palomar College has received far less than $20 for previously auctioned surplus computers. Although, the College may lose a few dollars from what might be attained through the auction process, the goodwill gained from donating these computers to Valley Center High School will be greater.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Governing Board declare the 52 Dell computers on the attached inventory as surplus and approve the donation to Valley Center High School. The proviso being that the computers be installed in the student labs used for COMPASS assessment testing at the high school..