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### **Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking Donates Computer Equipment to Tigard High School**

HILLSBORO, Ore.— A donation of retired computer equipment from Ricks Custom Fencing & Decking will be refurbished for educational use at Tigard High School. Not only will the donation assist as a tool for higher education, but also serves as a positive option for the disposal of obsolete computer equipment to help reduce electronic waste.

The donation of computer components will first be evaluated by the Tigard High School Tech Support classes. They will decide whether the equipment meets the school and district's requirements. If it does meet the criteria, they will use the computer components for their own schools needs.

If the school is unable to use the equipment, they will either donate or recycle the equipment. "If the computers are modern enough, and able to be refurbished, we will then set them up and donate them to charities", states Stevie Viaene, Computer Science Teacher at Tigard High. "If the computers do not meet the required criteria, we will then see to it that any equipment or parts gets properly recycled and stays out of the landfills."

Computers contain many materials that should be recycled to minimize the impact on the environment, and many new electronic items are made from recycled and reclaimed metals, silicones, and plastics. Computer waste is quite toxic, since they may contain lead, mercury, and other poisons

The Chief Operating Officer at Rick's Custom Fencing and Decking, Dave Harkins, states, "We are excited that our donation is making a difference on many levels. Not only does it support our local schools, but we are also helping to reduce electronic waste, which is growing rapidly given the faster rate of obsolescence of electronic equipment. As you can see, it's a win-win for everyone involved."



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