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Computers for the Classroom Captain Christopher Collins, left, representing the Galveston District Army Corps of Engineers, presents excess computer equipment to Austin Middle School on May 29. Also pictured, from left, back row, are Nicholas Sherwood, 7th grader, Larry Dunaway, Chief of the Logistics Activity at the Galveston District, Marianne Fullen, Galveston District Logistics Activity, who heads up the donation program (and an alumni of Austin Middle School), and Cathy Van Ness, school principal. Pictured with the computer equipment in the front row are Amar Harris, 6th grader, and Amjad Harris, also a 6th grader.

The donation included six laptops, seven desktops, six monitors, plus several sets of speakers and keyboards. The Galveston District has been transferring excess computer equipment to local schools for many years under Executive Order 12999, Educational Technology: Ensuring Opportunity for All Children in the Next Century. The Executive Order streamlines the transfer of excess and surplus Federal computer equipment to our Nation's classrooms Earlier this year, Galveston District donated 11 computers to O'Connell College Preparatory School, and donated to Westbury Christian in Katy and Galveston Catholic School in 2007. Schools interested in receiving excess computer equipment from the Federal government can register online with the General Services Administration's Computers for Learning. The web address is www.computersforlearning.gov. They can also call the Galveston District Logistics Activity,

Marianne Fullen, at (409) 766-3840 for assistance.