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MTA DONATES 180 COMPUTERS TO AREA HIGH SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES

The MTA is donating 180 personal computers, valued at \$50,000, to four high schools and three area community colleges. The seven institutions all participate in the MTA's Transportation Careers Academy program.

"These computers were surplus to MTA's needs, but still very serviceable for the over 500 students who participate in our Transportation Careers Academies," said MTA Chairman Larry Zarian. "We want to participate every way we can to help our young students."

The Transportation Careers Academy program was founded in 1993, with the MTA matching a grant from the Federal Transit Administration, and with additional funds from the U.S. Department of Education. The goal of the program is to prepare young people for entry level jobs in the transportation industry through integrated academic and work experience.

"We're very pleased to have MTA's support," said Sid Thompson, superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District. "These computers will provide a better learning environment for our students, and enhance the effectiveness of the Transportation Careers Academies. This is a symbol of the close working relationships being developed between our school district and local agencies."

The computers will be divided among Alain Leroy Locke, Woodrow Wilson, North Hollywood and John Glenn high schools, and Los Angeles Southwest College, Valley College, and East L.A. College.

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