ED 679 Fall 2004 Budget Activity

Here is your budget activity assignment [due November 15th]: You are the tech coordinator by default in a small elementary rural school with 9 teachers. The new principal, Dr. Gladhart, has been able to find $25,000.00 to upgrade the technology in your school. This is a one time windfall. There has never been a line item in the budget for technology. Presently, there is a small lab of 12 older iMacs connected to the internet. Each teacher also has an iMac on his/her desk with an internet connection. Your school's technology plan is also being revised and the new principal wants your guidance on what directions your school should go in addition to recommendations on how the $25,000 should be spent.

1) What recommendations do you have for the revised tech plan that will provide continued support for technology integration? Include a breakdown of proposed technology expenditures by percentages not dollars. What should be included in the budget and what percentages should be assigned to each item? For example, what percentage of the technology budget should go to upgrades each year?
2) How should the windfall be spent? Explain how your recommendations will increase technology integration in the school.
2) Write your recommendations in a position paper to submit to the principal. [Your principal never reads anything over two pages single spaced so keep it concise.] Obviously, there is no right or wrong answer so your principal will rely on your supporting arguments and any research you have done when deciding how to implement your recommendations.

This assignment is worth 15% of your grade. Evaluation:
Tech plan recommendations are based on current thinking and research. Items and percentages are explained and supported. 40%
Windfall expenditures are clearly supported with research and logical reasoning consistent with current thinking on technology integration. 40%
Position paper is organized and without spelling or grammatical errors. 5%
Citations are correctly formatted in APA style. 5%