Memo

To: Samuel Gray, Principal

From: Board of Education

CC: Judith Arnold, Ph.D., Superintendent

Date: April 23, 2012

Re: Apple Ban

As you are aware, Apple, Inc. has come under scrutiny during the last several weeks after allegations were made regarding conditions for workers in overseas factories. Numerous calls for boycotts have arisen not only throughout our nation but also here in Coaltown. The Board of Education has received numerous letters from parents and students expressing outrage for the continued use of Apple computers and other Apple products at Tri-State High School, where every teacher received an iPad last August. At Wednesday evening’s board meeting, many students and parents protested, and a formal letter was presented to board members asking for a statement regarding the policy for continued use and purchases of Apple products at Tri-State High School.

The following are potential actions the Board of Education may announce at next week’s meeting:

* No change in policy regarding the use and future purchases of Apple products
* Given budgetary issues, no change related to previous purchases and current use of existing Apple products; however, future technology purchases will not include Apple products and will come from Apple competitors
* Ban use of existing Apple products
* Ban use of existing Apple products and mandate that future technology purchases target Apple competitors
* Develop curriculum and design lesson plans that address the issues of working conditions, workers’ rights, sweatshops and outsourcing worldwide

We, the members of the Board of Education of Tri-State Schools, ask that you help inform our decision making process by writing a memo back to us outlining your recommendation with detailed rationale.