

Laptops for Peace Students

School Rallies To Raise \$100,000 by Dec. 31

This month, the staff at Queen of Peace High School, 7659 S. Linder Ave., Burbank, launched a \$400,000 Tech 4 Learning Initiative to put laptop computers in the hands of every student and make the high school completely wireless.

The program will give students access to valuable learning tools day and night and make Queen of Peace the first girls' high school in Chicago to provide computers to all of its students.

Queen of Peace is trying to raise all of the Tech 4 funds by Dec. 31 so that all students have computers by the start of the 2007-08 school year.

To kick off the effort, an anonymous alumna has offered to contribute up to \$100,000 by matching the funds Queen of Peace raises by the end of the year.

If the school is successful, the \$100,000 gift will be the largest single donation in Queen of Peace's history.

"The Peace Community is thrilled by the gen-



FUNDING EDUCATION—Peace Administrator Dr. Kathleen Hanlon (left) accepts a \$10,000 check from Board Member and 1976 Peace alumna Ellen Jordan Reidy for Peace's Tech 4 Learning Initiative.

erosity of our alumna and all who support and recognize the value of computers in the education of our students," said Dr. Kathleen Hanlon, chief administrator at Queen of Peace High School. "The Tech 4 Learning Initiative will help empower Peace students to learn in many different ways: critical thinking, problem solving, mastering information and communications illiteracies, and promoting global awareness and interaction.

"We ask for everyone's help in funding this new pathway to learning."

Queen of Peace has

been on the cutting edge of computer technology for many years, infusing technology in all discipline areas.

Peace currently features school-wide Internet access, nine wireless rooms, several computer centers, and a video broadcasting/graphic design lab.

For the past four years, the Peace faculty has been trained in and equipped with the second generation of mobile technology — the tablet.

Once the Tech 4 program is in place, the high school plans to open a computer lab and institute a "self-maintainer"

program, providing students with a course option that teaches laptop repair.

This entrepreneurial program will also teach students to manage the lab facility, order parts and supplies, and repair other technology equipment, as well as hone customer service skills.

To date, many parents, faculty, staff, alumna and Board members have already contributed to the Tech 4 Learning Initiative, and donations continue to come in daily.

Letters soliciting contributions have been mailed to all alumnae and friends, and The Peace Parent Association is hosting a Tech 4 Learning raffle through Dec. 18.