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Now is a great time to think about how to enhance your learning environment for next year!

Whether you are looking to make a large technology purchase or to update your facilities, NDESC/CRI can help! Our contracted vendors provide top-of-the-line products and services that will keep your district at the top of its game! For a complete list of our vendors, visit www.ndesc.org.



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Chris Butler - 888-668-0759 - chris@bgi-usa.net

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Just imagine what your students could do if they all had an equal opportunity to hear. Contact Ken Engstrom, Classroom Audio Consultant, for more information about the classroom audio technology (CAT) products available through Lightspeed Technologies.

Ken Engstrom - 888-573-7887 - ken.engstrom@lightspeed-tek.com.

*(MARRS Project, 2005b) Mainstream Amplification Resource Room Study retrieved from <http://www.marrs-study.info/marrs-study.html>



Reminder...

Paper orders are due May 28!

The paper catalog is out! You should have received a paper catalog in the mail for white and colored paper. If you did not receive a catalog, please contact Jan at 866-337-2005 or jeklund@lcsc.org. You can also download the catalog on our website at www.ndesc.org.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about Cooperative Purchasing, contact Kelsey Felstul at 866-337-2005 or kfelstul@lcsc.org.

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