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## **Go Back to School with Confidence with Hitachi Projectors in Your Classroom**

**CHULA VISTA, California**, August 30, 2017 – Going back to school can be a stressful time of the year for teachers, administrators and school board members. As teachers start to fill the hallways, schools run the risk of having AV problems within the classrooms because of the equipment sitting idle all summer long. Here is a quick guide from Hitachi America, Ltd. to help make sure the first day of classes run smoothly.

### **Power up the projector**

During the summer, dust can collect on top of and in the filter of a projector. Before powering up the projector, an AV/IT professional should use a microfiber cloth to clean the projector's outer casing (avoiding the lens) and vacuum the projector's filter, if applicable. Once the projector is dust-free, power up the projector and allow it time to warm up after months without use.

### **Test your connections**

Depending on the type of projector is in the classroom, teachers will either connect computers through Wi-Fi or with a cable. Before students get into the classroom, teachers should test all connections to make sure the cables are in good condition and are properly plugged in. This is also a good time to run the computer system's software and make sure it's up to date and addresses the projector properly. Teachers should also replace the batteries in the projector remote to have a fresh start at the beginning of the year.

### **Do a sound check**

The last thing teachers want on their first day is to waste time in front of students trying to figure out how to turn on and adjust speaker volume. Before school starts, teachers should test the complete system by playing a video. Once teachers are familiar with the sound system in their classroom, they'll be confident on the first day.

### **Let the screen down**

Classrooms typically have two types of screens within rooms: electric or manual. Manual screens run the risk of sun damage, dirt and stickiness over the summer months. School staff should make sure that all manual screens roll out smoothly without any bumps or tugs along the way. Once the screen is completely down, make sure there are no pen marks left over from last year or sun spots from the summer heat. It's smart to roll the screen down and back up again multiple times to make sure there are no sticky parts and to make sure teachers are familiar with screens on the first day.

Electric screens present a different set of problems. While they can also become sticky from staying rolled up all summer long, the biggest problem teachers face at the

beginning of the year is that something has gone wrong with the electrical connection when it wasn't in use. Teachers are encouraged to test the electric screens multiple times and contact the AV/IT department if there are any issues to be sure they are fixed before the students start.

The first day of school can be stressful for any teacher, administrator or school board member. This year, take a few extra steps to ensure that first day troubles don't derive from AV equipment.

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