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This Newsletter is the third in what is a communications sharing of the Technology Strategic Planning initiative that is planned over the next three to five years.

In addition, current issues and suggestions to help us all are included for your use daily!

- Plug in computers and carts when finished for the day and return them so the next user can begin class on time,
- Laptops are valuable tools; They are District Equipment for student use. Care must be taken to keep them in working order. Damaging District equipment (keyboards, power supplies or screens) is unacceptable and in violation of the acceptable use policy all students or parents have signed and Policy 5513 (copy attached). Violators can be disciplined and suffer the repair cost.
- Continuous equipment damage may result in lengthy time to repair.
- While laptops are portable, care should be taken when handling them so they are not dropped and damaged.
- Any damage should be reported immediately so that the unit can be analyzed and replaced or repaired.

We plan to share updates as they are warranted in order to keep everyone abreast of the progress toward our goal.

The goal of the Technology Strategic Plan is to ultimately become a WiFi specific operation allowing student's connectivity with learning materials throughout the District.

In order to achieve this goal, there are multiple major and minor steps to be determined and implemented over the planned period.

Step one: Completed a survey (February 2017) of the basic technology infrastructure (access points and switches you don't see) in each of the buildings.

Step Two: Apply for E-Rate funds (form 470) for financing the infrastructure improvement. Potentially complete the upgrade during the summer of 2017.

Initial hardware decision of Chromebooks or Laptop computers for the appropriate learning experience will happen in the early stages. Teaching and Learning staff are testing Chromebooks currently (February/March 2017).

Items that are remaining on the table for the future development of the implementation plan include:

- Instruction and Communication to Staff on the use of technology in the classroom (Ongoing with Pilot Google Classroom and others);
- Determination of printer and copier needs and utilization in a low paper environment (RFP released in March);
- Determining the transition timetable of both classroom equipment and utilization of equipment in conjunction with new processes in the educational environment.

We are excited to be able to share this third update with the District and to continue to help in the improvement of the educational environment for our students.

5513-CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board of Education believes that the schools should help students learn to respect property and develop feelings of pride in community institutions.

The Board charges each student with responsibility for the proper care of school property and the school supplies and equipment entrusted to his/her use.

Students who cause damage to school property shall be subject to disciplinary measures, and their parents shall be financially liable for such damage to the extent of the law, except that students over eighteen (18) years of age shall also be liable for damage they cause.

The Board authorizes the imposition of fines for the loss, damage or destruction of school equipment, apparatus, musical instruments, library material, textbooks, and for damage to school buildings and reserves the right, to the extent permitted by the law, to withhold a report card or credits from any student whose payment of such fine is in arrears.

The Board may report to the appropriate authorities any student whose damage of school property has been serious or chronic in nature.

A reward may be offered by the Board for the apprehension of any person who vandalizes school property.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines to implement this policy.

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