Derby Public Schools

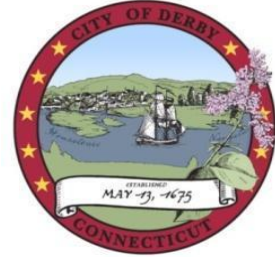# Monthly Board Report

Technology Department

Eric Conklin, Director of Technology

1:1 Laptops

- Laptops distribution numbers remain about the same. iPads, additional laptops available for student use The students are using the laptops in classes every day, and repairs are handled quickly.

- Laptop repairs continue on a regular basis by the IT & DHS LMC staff. Purchasing replacement parts at lowest possible cost in bulk (LCD screen, plastic base parts, hard drives).

- IT/LMC Staff see average of 30 repair issues per week at DHS and 40 at DMS.

- Computers remain up-to-date for all software through our district computer update servers and set up to be more efficient and easier for student use.

- Laptops have been updated with the latest version of the Smarter Balanced Web Browser and are ready to be used for testing time.

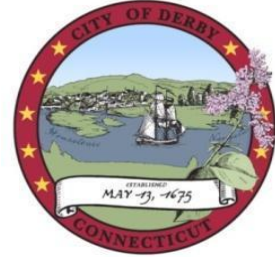- Students encouraged to use Google Apps as much as possible for their work.

Ongoing Work and Projects

- Prepared the district technology for state testing. IT provide support during all testing

- Reviewed and proposed BOE Technology Policies:
  Acceptable Use Policy & Cell Phone Policy

- Planing to purchase and implement a new internet filter to align with state's CEN network.

- Completed PC & software installation of Softplan Architectural Software for DHS Tech Ed.

- Performing updates, software installation, security updates as needed on all district computers.

- Working with Irving & Bradley Principals to purchase and implement keyboarding software and a keyboarding curriculum. Looking at cloud/web based solutions.

- Eno board installations, Projector installations and repairs continue throughout the district. Using available funding to provide new installations at Bradley & Irving
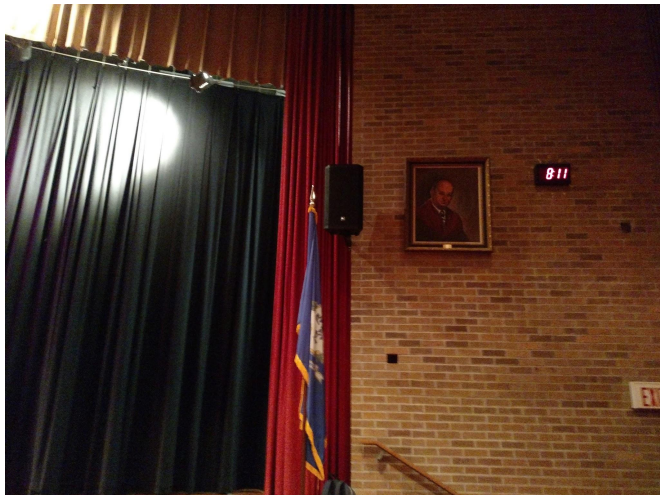
Ongoing Work and Projects

- Continue to support, maintain, repair and oversee use of student laptops.

- Continue to address staff technology issues and answer helpdesk requests as quickly as possible. We continue to work on decreasing response time.

- Television for Digital Signage installed and operating in DHS LMC.

- Provided Training to BOE and Bradley Staff in Google Apps for Education, more training to come

- Continue to update the Technology section of the district website to provide up-to-date information about the 1:1 initiative, Technology goals and resources, etc. for staff, students, BOE, and the public.

- Sound equipment installation completed at DHS. (See next slide for photos)

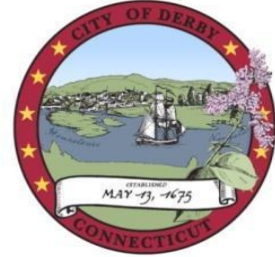- Speakers selected for Irving Cafeteria and order will be placed when funding available.

DHS Auditorium Speakers

New Technology & Funding

- Technology Grant has been approved and awarded! Funds are currently in process for distribution. DPS will receive $31,800 to purchase new computers for classrooms.

- With Title II Funding: Purchased Architectural Software for DHS Tech Ed. Working with vendors on low cost, cloud based computers for teachers/classrooms. Looking for web based keyboarding software. New ENO Board/Projector installations.

- Once piloting of hardware and software has been completed and devices/software are picked, POs will be made and Bids will be posted for purchase and installation during the summer.