



TO: School Board Members

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SUBJECT: Middle School Technology Update

BACKGROUND

District administration will provide the School Board with an update regarding technology use and digital citizenship supports at the middle school level. The presentation will highlight current practices for students in grades 5 and 6, family resources, and digital citizenship lessons.

At the start of the 2026-27 school year, the district is piloting a new approach in which iPads for students in grades 5 and 6 remain at school. Students leave devices in their sixth-period classrooms and retrieve them during the first period the following day. Feedback will be gathered throughout September and October, with the goal of balancing technology use by using devices when they strengthen instruction and setting them aside when they do not.

Future actions include gathering feedback, monitoring the iPad pilot, implementing and communicating artificial intelligence guardrails, and continuing a deeper analysis of classroom technology use.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

No resolution is needed. Information only.