

Technology Department Report OCTOBER 2026

Since the last Board Report, the Technology Department has been active in assisting projects such as:

- Stacy Courter has been setting up teachers' desktops, projectors and interactive displays in the classrooms; printed, laminated and cut out all elementary student badges; there has also been several chromebook screens that have already been broken by the students needing repair.
- Liane Kamp has been deep in PowerSchool Enterprise reporting, creating requested reports for ICCC and culling Saranac historical data for importing into their system since Robert's departure; additional work with Infinity Special Education link to and from PowerSchool has made significant progress; and helping prepare districts for 2026 Fall Count Day have filled the days.
- Patrick Tucker worked on expanding his knowledge of the PowerSchool reporting options, the use of Microsoft PowerBI (for Special Ed reporting) and has stepped in at Saranac to be an additional support person while a new Technology Coordinator is hired.
- Ben Fox has resolved a content filter issue with the Culinary Arts training website, with outside assistance found a problem in the fiber connection within Freedom Acres that was causing it fail every 30-40 minutes, and he also helped ensure the conference rooms were network-ready for the temporary workspaces needed during the renovation.
- Robert Silvernail wrapped up some PowerSchool integration and setup troubleshooting for attendance and grades.
- John has been working with Ron Klumpp and vendors in the restoration of Freedom Acres' power, HVAC and network systems. This was also during the go-live time for PowerSchool across the districts. Device inventory and replacement orders for Chromebooks and laptops was started for the 2026-2027 school year.

The Student Information System (SIS) Change

We continue to have bumps in the live environment with PowerSchool, and some are simple fixes where others have involved additional time and support from PowerSchool Corporate. With 2026 Fall Count Day around the corner, everyone is anxious to ensure that the correct data is present in the systems. Major progress was made in establishing the links to the Special Education software Infinity, there are some additional settings and configurations necessary to ensure that all the necessary data points exist in both systems.

Staff Changes

Ionia Public Schools has dealt with its long-time Director of Technology leave the district for a position at Forest Hills Public. Robert Silvernail applied for the position (with the full knowledge and support of John), but was not offered the position. An IPS internal candidate was offered the position, but that created a vacancy that Robert *was* offered to fill.

He has accepted the offer and started September 28, 2026. We are conducting interviews for our now vacant LEA Technology Coordinator position, on October 5, 2026. Four candidates are scheduled at this time. We are optimistic that an offer can be made to one of these.