LPGE Technology Board Report
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Update for November:

We've been continuing to make optimizations to the new Skyward. Every day, we find new issues to resolve. Since this was the first grading period in the school year, we had some issues with our gradebook, specifically with K-1. With the help of Royalton Schools, we were able to remedy the issues. It's nice to have a neighboring school that also uses Skyward.

Skyler and I finished installing all the switches in the Secondary School Friday afternoon after staff left. It feels good to have the district's network fully upgraded. We have new Switches and new Wifi Access Points district wide. Thanks to Federal Erate funding, we were able to make this happen.

I have been working on plans for this next year's Erate funding. In December, I will be going out for bids on our Internet & Fiber connections. We also have Category Two funding that I'm planning on using to expand our network to the baseball field. We are planning on adding Wifi and security cameras to that location this summer. This will also allow us to expand our security cameras to the playground.

We are no longer receiving Equity Access aid from the state. This means that we will be dropping technology access from Freshwater. We received part of our Internet connection from them. I've been weighing options on finding a source for redundant Internet. Since this can not be Erated, we will have to pay fully for it. Being just a backup connection means we don't need much bandwidth. It should be a minimal cost and less than we are paying for Internet access though Freshwater.

With our last purchase of Google Workspace for Education Plus, we received training for one person to become a Certified Amplified Admin. Skyler has been taking these courses and will be taking some exams to become certified. He has already been making security improvements on our Google systems from the things he has learned. Skyler will also be attending a free firewall training event in Sartell this month to learn more about securing our network. He is a great asset to have on our team with his knowledge of network security.

Never a dull moment in the tech department as we keep moving forward.

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