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To: Board of Education

From: Ryan Spencer

Re: Technology Board Report, November 2025

Date: 11/12/2025

Dear Board of Education,

Happy November! The tech team has been busy rolling out our new food service computers across the district. North Creek, South Meadows, and Chelsea High School are all up and running, and our food service staff are thrilled with how fast these new machines start up and sign in! Beach Middle School is next on our list, and we are just waiting on one final part before deployment.

Our new visitor management system officially went live at North Creek on Tuesday, November 4, and at Chelsea High School on Wednesday, November 5. Each building is a little unique, and I have worked closely with administrators and front office staff to make sure everyone feels confident using the system. Beach Middle School's setup is on hold while we wait for Interstate Security to install one more door station in the vestibule. As soon as the part arrives, we will be ready to go!

Our new portable radios are also live at both Beach Middle School and Chelsea High School! Both buildings had some early concerns about coverage because of their layout and size, but the feedback has been great. Staff are very happy with the reliability and clarity these new radios provide. Electrocomm Michigan has also finished installing mobile radios in all existing district vehicles, except for the newly purchased buses. I am working with Corrina Horton to make sure those are equipped as soon as they arrive. The next department up for radio deployment is Operations. Now that their vehicles are ready, I will be working with Ross Potgiesser to get his team's radios distributed soon.

I am also happy to report that the robotics competition held at Chelsea High School on Saturday, November 1, went very well. This was our first time hosting a FIRST Robotics event, and I will admit I was a little nervous going in. Everything went smoothly, and we did not experience any network difficulties. Working with FIRST Robotics and our Robotics teams was a great experience, and I appreciate everyone's collaboration and preparation leading up to the event.

Planning is already underway for the FY26 E-Rate cycle. The E-Rate program, administered through the Universal Service Fund, provides discounts that help schools and libraries make internet and network infrastructure more affordable, which is a huge benefit to our district. This cycle, we plan to replace wireless access points at WSEC, North Creek, and South Meadows, upgrade internal fiber at North Creek and South Meadows, and replace CAT 6



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cabling at North Creek and Pierce Lake. All projects will go through the RFP process and come to the Board for approval in early 2026.

Respectfully,

Ryan Spencer, Director of Technology
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