Technology Department
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E-rate

The USAC staff are still in their PIA (Program Integrity Assurance) process. We are still unsure when we will receive our award status. Nationwide, e-rate has finally reached the $700 million mark in announced dollars to districts. This time in 2015 that amount was $2.1 billion dollars. The pace is concerning to many even with the mandate from FCC Chairman Wheeler to accelerate and get e-rate dollars awarded to schools across the country.

What we do know is our status is still held up in PIA (Program Integrity Assurance) and we answer their requests for additional information within hours. We are confused as many are regarding this e-rate since our requests mirror those of the past 2 years which were awarded mid-September in 2015 and August 1st in 2014. We remain patient as they go through the barriers of this years PIA process.

New Learning Spaces-

High school vo-tech - Wireless access points have been installed for network access in the 4 new rooms. For phones some will be moved from existing classrooms and waiting final placement of all concerned for adding additional phone extensions.

William Buffalo Hide - existing wifi is covering basic needs, timing of network cable and our training schedule did not permit install and testing this past Friday but on the calendar for this upcoming teacher convention Friday when teachers and students are off. Phones are pending purchase of additional VOIP licenses and phones.

Security Cameras

Cameras have been installed at BHS, BMS, Napi, BES, KW and Vina- cameras to be installed at William Buffalo Hide, Admin and the support buildings at transportation, maintenance and foods.

Trainings

We are currently attending the JAMF users conference in Minneapolis. At this writing we are just a couple of sessions in but learning many things that will assist further managing and assisting users with their iPads and macs on the various campuses.

ConnectED Grant

Students at the middle school have been with their iPads just over a month. We rolled out the Apple Classroom application to teachers which allows them to view and direct students iPads for assisting with their various learning opportunities. We anticipate the tool to better assist with classroom management and achievement as the tools and learning curves by all improve.