



The technology department continues to shift and adjust as we move from virtual to hybrid in the buildings. Beach is now in the hybrid mode and things seem to be going smoothly. We took what we learned from the elementary schools move to hybrid and adjusted as needed for the middle school environment. In the process I have to give shout out to Eric Robinson and the tireless work he has been putting in with teachers to get them prepared for the transition from virtual to hybrid. He has been holding virtual trainings, putting how to videos together for staff along with jumping into their Zoom classes or into their classrooms to observe, give suggestions or even help out. He truly has made a big difference in helping make things work. He has already started working with a couple of the high school teachers as they look at options for technology that they might need for a hybrid mode.

The last two weeks there has been PSAT and SAT testing happening at the high school. While a majority of this testing is done via paper and pencil, there are a few students that need audio accommodations. Gary and I provided laptops for those students to use for testing so they could get the audio accommodation. There were a few hiccups, but we made it through. Depending on what happens through the rest of the school year, the next testing will be the WIDA in February and March and then the M-Step testing that happens in April and May. We will also have the NWEA testing in winter and spring, but that isn't state driven.

We have now handed out 221 hotspots to families and staff to use from home. Requests for hotspots has dwindled down, but we still have a few more if other requests come in. We will continue to work through issues as they come up and support that staff and students as we continue on this very different school year.