Technology Department

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E-rate

The FCC has issued an order to USAC (the organization that administers the e-rate program) to approve all Category 1 and Category 2 requests. We will soon receive our funding approvals that will cover 90% of our Internet and Wide Area Network expenses, 50% of our telephony and cell phone charges and 85% of our Category 2 funding request for additional wifi access points and a backup wifi controller. We will order our hardware the 1st of week of July so we can have it installed and tested prior to the start of the new school year. Some of these access points will supply network access in the new Vo-tech addition at the main high school campus as well as adding access for what will become the old auto and wood shops at the William Buffalo Hide Center.

Summer work-

Summer work is well underway with imaging of our business and graphic arts labs at the high school, as well as upgrading several existing systems to Windows 10. Other summer work projects are repairing Chromebooks, installing wifi access points and preparing various devices such as iPads at the middle school for next school year.

Mobile Teachers -

We have already had positive feedback from some of our teachers transferring campuses with their MacBook systems where they will have the comfort of knowing their digital life will not be lost in the campus transition.

More next month-

I would probably have more to report but thoroughly enjoying Alaska and all the daylight as I type this report in Fairbanks for your reading pleasure.