Petersburg School District Technology Department Board Report

November 6 – December 10, 2025

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Overview

The Technology Department continues to strengthen cybersecurity, support instructional tools, modernize district infrastructure, and provide daily technology support for staff and students.

Cybersecurity

Phishing Reporting

All adult pcsd account holders have been informed of the KillPhish tool within Gmail. This improves reporting efficiency, speeds internal review of suspicious messages, and enhances overall email safety.

Student Devices & Instructional Readiness MAP Testing

High school and elementary students completed MAP testing without technical issues. A small number of 1st–2nd-grade iOS devices experienced freezing; the problem has been escalated to NWEA for investigation. (Middle school students will test the week of Dec. 15th)

Network Infrastructure & Connectivity

Switch Installation – Category 2 E-Rate

All E-Rate—funded network switches were successfully installed, replacing aging hardware and improving reliability. A legacy GCI-managed device caused temporary routing issues during installation; GCI replaced the device, restoring full service.

The new switch architecture is performing well, and the remaining legacy switches will be addressed through an additional Category 2 funding request this spring.

GoGuardian & Classroom Management

GoGuardian continues to support real-time classroom management on Chromebooks and MacBooks. Teachers use the platform to monitor activity, keep students focused, and apply Scenes to guide students toward content-aligned instructional resources.

Petersburg App / Rooms Communication

The Technology Department continues to support our new district communication system and is working with Mr. Cabral to set up communication via the Petersburg School District App for extracurricular activities.

Staff are encouraged to send weekly announcements and use in-app messaging to keep families informed. Parent adoption rates are steadily improving; please help spread the word. If parents need support logging into the Petersburg App, they are encouraged to contact Jon directly for assistance.