Web Site and ADA Compliance
Now that the "new" web site has been up and running for a year now, we submitted our site for ADA compliance review. The review found 2 minor issues that were quickly addressed. Many districts continue to struggle with their compliance and it's a comfort to know that our site is accessible to all.

E-Rate
The Form 470 window for our Category 1 services including internet and WAN connections will soon come to a close. Our next step will be to evaluate services that companies have submitted for, evaluate them against a rubric and then award contracts for the upcoming 3 years on our internet and WAN and potentially shorter projects for some fiber replacement. 3 Rivers Telecommunications is the only one submitted and still waiting on our current provider, Access Montana..

The Form 470's for Category 2 services will be submitted next week. Since it includes new networking in all buildings except the high school (some new equipment will be in the high school with the existing cabling being at the current CAT6a specification) it has taken some extra time to make sure we have included all the infrastructure. While we cannot ever guarantee what the e-rate people will do, we are certain it will be approved and this time next year our buildings will be running on state of the art fiber networks replacing the old traditional copper wiring.

Building Security
Key cards have arrived, ID badge materials will have arrived by the time you read this. We are now well on our way to issuing key card ID badges to all staff. Our goal by March 1 is ALL adults in our buildings will be required to have their ID badges readily available including substitutes, vendors and guests.. HR has lanyards for those desiring to use them. We had prototype that we shared after the last board meeting and we'll share it again at the upcoming meeting where are first key cards will have already been issued.