Technology Director's Report
April 2019

There isn't much new to share you with since my last report but I'll provide a couple of updates:

Swivl

Ty and I each shared some information with you at the board meeting in Anchorage. This is still very new but we've had a couple of teachers upload their first videos for review within the past few days. There is a lot of potential with this and we're excited to be implementing it.

PowerSchool Insight Analytics

This is a new module in PowerSchool that will allow us to store all of our assessment data in one place for easy reference and enhanced visualization. It should make it easier for teachers and administrators to make sense of student data and use it to help inform instruction. Setup should be complete in a couple of weeks. While final implementation will be at or very near the end of the school year, there will be time over the summer to get familiar with how it works and provide training to the rest of the staff this fall.

State Testing

We've been preparing for state testing for a couple of months. At this point, the technology department is just taking care of any issues that may pop up on individual devices.

Preparing For 2019-20

The tech team is preparing for fall 2019 device distribution. This usually involves moving a few devices from one school to another as enrollments change, and ordering laptops for students who need them. This fall will mark the second year of our revised laptop policy in which we issue new laptops to students when they complete all standards in level 7, rather than simply when they enter 9th grade. In keeping with the spirit of the policy, we've issued new laptops throughout the year rather than just in the fall (including a few students who have just recently finished all of level 7).