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Benjamin SCHOOL DISTRICT 25

TO: Board of Education
Dr. McGill
FROM: Greg Martin, Director of Technology
DATE: August 1, 2025
RE: Technology Report

Dear Board of Education Members,

The list below highlights a few of the updates and accomplishments over the past couple of months:

- **Comcast Contract Savings:**
  We successfully negotiated a new contract with Comcast that was approved at the last Board meeting, reducing our monthly cost from $6,299.61 to $2,529.78, generating a monthly cost savings of $3,769.83.

- **Liberty Plates Deployment:**
  Collaborated with our vendor partner and Liberty to resolve an issue with the Liberty plates. The plates were shipped back for correction and have now been installed in all classrooms at Benjamin. Installation will begin soon at Evergreen. The Liberty wall plates allow the classroom technology to connect to the BenQs with a reduced number of and much thinner cables.

- **BenQ Interactive Panels:**
  New BenQ interactive panels were installed at Benjamin Middle School with assistance from our maintenance department. The panels were wired with new cabling for a cleaner classroom appearance and have been configured for the upcoming school year. Deployment at Evergreen has started and will continue over the next few weeks.

- **Staff Laptop Deployment:**
  New staff laptops have been received, inventoried, imaged, and are ready for distribution. We scheduled three pickup days over the summer, and the remaining laptops will be handed out during the first week of school.

- **Keycard Access Update:**
  Due to construction at Evergreen, a former exterior door is now an interior door and no longer requires keycard access. We relocated the card reader to the Evergreen multi-purpose room's exterior door to improve access for milk deliveries.

- **Security Upgrades at Evergreen Addition:**
  The security alarm system, cameras, and keycard access have all been installed and configured in the new Evergreen addition, ensuring a safe and secure environment.