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

Dear Board of Education Members,

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

- **EVO Multi-factor Authentication Migration**
After extensive testing, the Technology Department began migrating staff accounts from SaasPass to EVO Security for multi-factor authentication. This change was made after SaasPass discontinued support for hardware security keys, reducing staff choice. EVO Security restores staff's ability to use either a physical security key or a mobile app, improving both security and usability. All district servers have been successfully migrated, and staff migration is underway and on track for completion by 2/6/26 without disrupting daily operations.
- **Assessment Preparation**
I prepared and began deploying the required assessment software for CogAT, IAR, and ISA on student devices. The weekly ISBE assessment webinars have begun, and I will attend these each Friday until testing is completed. I began reviewing the Assessment Administration and Testing Coordinators manuals to develop and update staff training for next month to prepare staff to administer the state assessments.
- **Server Maintenance**
All district servers were fully patched during the past month to maintain security and stability. Hard drive capacity was reviewed and increased where needed to ensure continued system performance and reliability.
- **Backup and Data Protection**
The district's backup system was upgraded to the latest version of HYCU backup software. New security features, including ransomware protection, were enabled, and backup and retention settings were reviewed and adjusted to align with best practices for data protection and recovery.
- **Professional Development on Artificial Intelligence**
Angela Anthony, Danielle DeChristopher, and I attended the two-day Hello AI Conference to

stay current on the responsible use of artificial intelligence in education. Information from the conference is being used to support district planning, staff training, and alignment with state guidance and data privacy expectations related to AI tools.

- **Professional Development on Cybersecurity**

Attended the two-day SecurED Conference focused on K–12 cybersecurity, including incident response and ransomware trends, cyber insurance expectations, and student data privacy. Information from the conference is being used to strengthen district security practices, improve incident preparedness, and ensure continued alignment with data protection, insurance, and best-practice requirements.

- **Annual Cybersecurity Assessment**

ForwardEdge's annual cybersecurity assessment was completed. Results are being reviewed to identify strengths and address recommendations. No critical issues were identified that would impact district operations or data security.

- **Reasonable Security Practices**

Work continued on documenting and updating the district's Reasonable Security Practices to align with the Illinois Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA), state guidance, and cybersecurity best practices. This ongoing work supports consistent data protection practices, documentation, and strengthens the district's overall security and risk management posture.