

Crosslake Community School

Student Information System (SIS) Recommendation

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Committee Purpose & Membership

Charge: To evaluate the current SIS (JMC), identify system limitations, research alternatives, and recommend a platform to meet the district's growing needs for data integration and efficiency.

Committee Members: Emily Stull-Richardson, Jen Miller, Paula Green, Molly Papillon, Christina Holmes, Abi Swensen, Will Lyke, Gena Jacobson, Annette Klang, Beth Duffy, Christy Kuefler, Kelly Bitner, Monique VonEnde, Devan Bartels, Natalie Grady, Rose Bierce, Kathy Faust



Key Activities



Fall 2024



Winter 2025



Spring 2025



Fall 2025



Winter 2026

Developed an evaluation rubric and conducted a staff survey to identify "must-have" functionalities.

Met with JMC, reviewed quotes for Skyward and Infinite Campus, and narrowed the SIS list.

Conducted in-depth demos, explored trial environments, and developed the final implementation recommendation

Brought recommendation to a larger committee. Met with a school who just made a switch. Bring recommendation to finance and board.

If approved, the project team (Molly, Christina, Paula, Will and Jen) would begin the switch.

Current system: JMC – status & challenges



Lack of/Difficulty with Integration

JMC does not currently have a working integration for our main platforms. Canvas, Edgenuity, Google Classroom for grading, SpEd Forms for Special Education, Clever and EduClimber for testing and data warehousing are all needed as the district grows.

Staff Support

We discovered many people were using workarounds within and outside of JMC to make it meet their needs. As the district grows, this model becomes less sustainable with the additional timing needed to do these processes. Efficiency is low with JMC.

Support for Students and Families

JMC doesn't fully support having all student data centralized where all people needing the data can access it due to the numerous platforms and access. Examples - ROI's for county partners, photo releases, communication logs and "banned" contacts.

Research & evaluation of alternatives

Stages

Create Rubric and Evaluation Criteria

Evaluate Possible SIS Systems

Actions

Create a list of all uses for the SIS and what we would want in an ideal SIS

Narrow the list down to the "Must Haves" and what would make us leave JMC

Determine and evaluate possible SIS Systems

After evaluating SIS Systems determine which meets the most "Must Haves"

Emotions



Actions

- Survey to staff to collect data on uses for SIS System and what features they would like.
- Compile the list and evaluate what would be a "Nice to Have" and what is a "Must Have"
- Build the Evaluation Rubric around the "Must Haves"
- Identify the biggest challenges to moving systems - data transfer, training, etc. to help determine if the trade of will be of value in the end.

- Six Possible Providers for MN that are compatible with Ed-Fi and approved by the State
- Reach out to users of the different platforms to get guidance and advice
- Set up meetings with the different vendors.
- Early eliminations - Due to a large data breach we eliminated PowerSchool and Synergy after they did not return phone calls or messages after multiple attempts
- We had JMC come and present so we could ensure the areas we were struggling with were due to the system and not due to lack of training/information on our side
- Presentations with Infinite Campus and Skyward
- Sandbox accounts with Campus and Skyward so we could "play" and see how they work on our own
- Received quotes from Skyward and Campus
- Met with a Co-Op that made the change from JMC to Campus last year and spent an hour asking questions and hearing from a user that has gone through the process

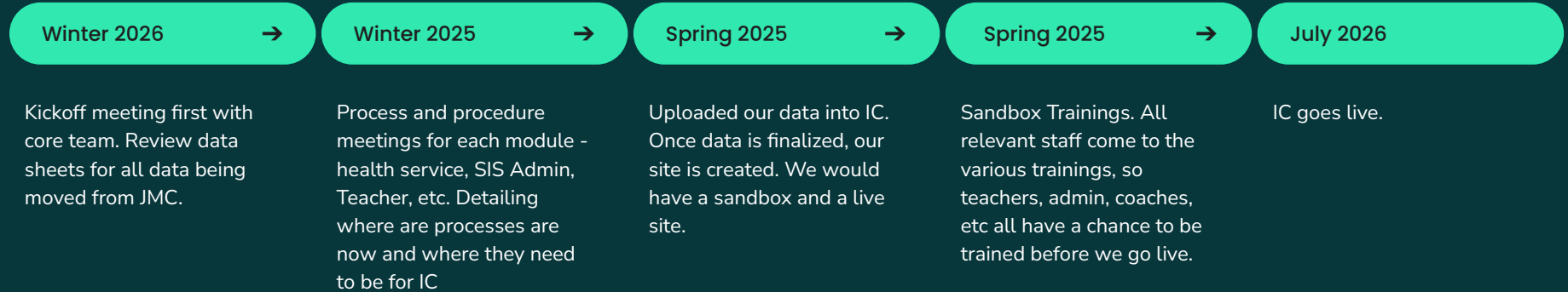


Recommendation: Moving to Infinite Campus

The move to Infinite Campus will help support students and staff in multiple ways:

- Integration - Campus integrates with current LMS systems, but also has an extensive list of partners for any future needs. Working with a larger provider means more access.
- Efficiency - Easier data management and entry coupled with expansive reporting capabilities will allow staff to do more with the data spend less time digging.
- Access to student information in one place to help support student needs and programs like MTSS.
- The enrollment process will be faster, easier and consistent district-wide, and best of all, online!

Next Steps & Implementation Roadmap



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Thank you!

Questions?