



To: Board of Education
From: Ryan Spencer
Re: Technology Board Report, March 2025
Date: 3/4/2025

Dear Board of Education,

Our pilot of Verkada Guest, a visitor management system, at South Meadows has been going very well! We have received positive feedback from parents, visitors, students, and staff, with many noting that it is quick and easy to use. Throughout the pilot, we have made a few adjustments and will continue refining the process. Pierce Lake has not yet started the pilot, but we are making progress toward launching it by the end of March. Due to PLECC's unique programming schedule and the absence of a secure vestibule, implementing the system there has been more complex. We deliberately chose two very different buildings to thoroughly test the pilot. Below is a photo of the South Meadows vestibule.



We have upgraded the sound system in the South Meadows Media Center with a newer version consistent with those in our classrooms. Mrs. Bradley is thrilled to have functional microphones again and a system that delivers clear, amplified audio.

Additionally, we replaced the door intercom system at South Meadows. This new system aligns with our district-wide intercom upgrades over the past few years. Our vendor worked with us to install the system before the visitor management pilot went live, ensuring that the vestibule includes a door intercom button.



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The Tech I position posting closed last month, and we have begun scheduling first-round interviews. We will include administrators, teachers, and technology staff in the selection process to ensure we identify the best candidate for the role.

During the first weekend of March, the WISD upgraded our PowerSchool server, introducing a significantly different user interface for approximately 100 staff members. Over the past ten months, we collaborated closely with the WISD to ensure a smooth transition, and I am pleased to report that the upgrade was successfully implemented.

Finally, I have submitted two recommendations to Mr. Kapolka. The first is to replace South Meadows Elementary staff laptops, and the second is to replace the 3rd and 8th-grade student iPads along with all staff iPads at South Meadows. I appreciate your consideration of these proposals.

Respectfully,

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