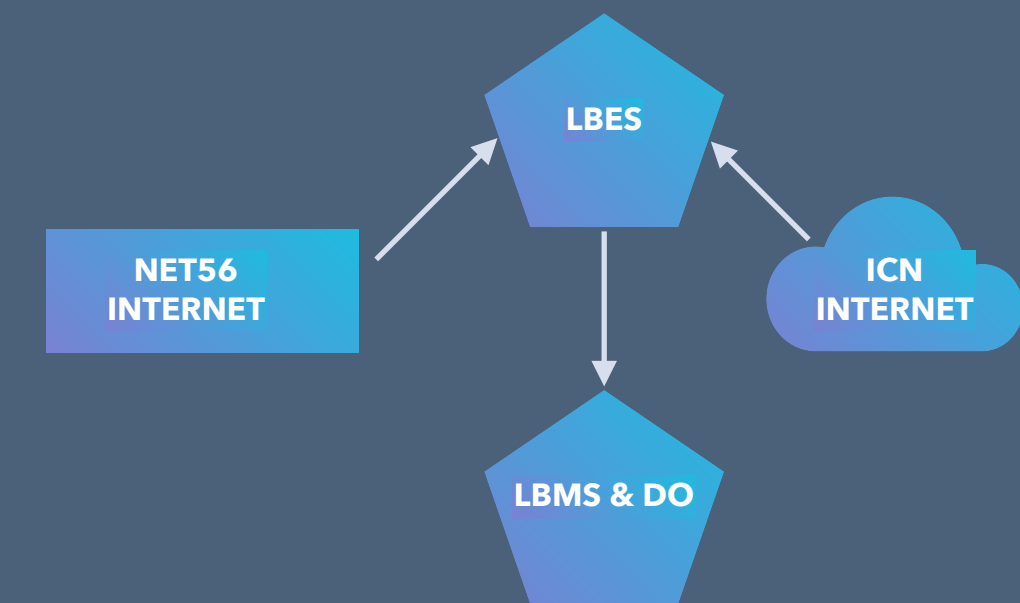


2025-2026 Preparation

BOE Meeting 12/17/25

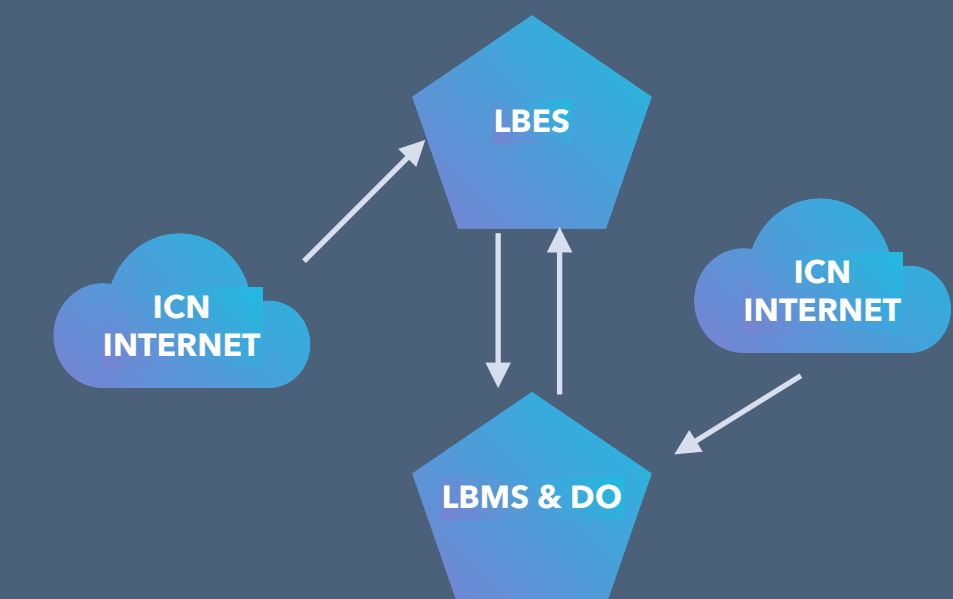
Change in Internet Provider (ISP)

- Net56 Internet & Firewall Agreement expires July 1, 2025
 - Currently \$1,900/month for partial internet & rented firewalls
- ICN (Illinois Century Network) provides predominant connection



ICN - 1GB bandwidth
Net56 - 500MB bandwidth

- Increasing current ICN bandwidth and installing a 2nd independent connection at LBMS
- Using ICN as sole internet provider, district will save est. \$22,800 annually
- Purchase 2 sets of firewalls to have in place by June of 2025 to ensure smooth cutover
 - Will allow for failover between schools if 1 connection goes out



ICN to LBES - 2GB Bandwidth
ICN to LBMS - 2GB Bandwidth

Change in MSP for Network & Cyber Services

- Current provider is not meeting expectations
 - Follow through on promised work
 - Lacking leadership & guidance
 - Communication
- Seek to terminate service contract at the same time the internet/firewall contract ends
 - 1 year contract with new MSP, Sentinel
 - Better reputation and service levels
 - Clear & detailed support plan
 - Work with a team of professionals on issues, but also future needs and assessments
 - More visibility to LB65 with customer facing portals for both Network and Cyber monitoring

Eliminating Net56 for internet and switching the MSP saves the district roughly \$40,000 annually

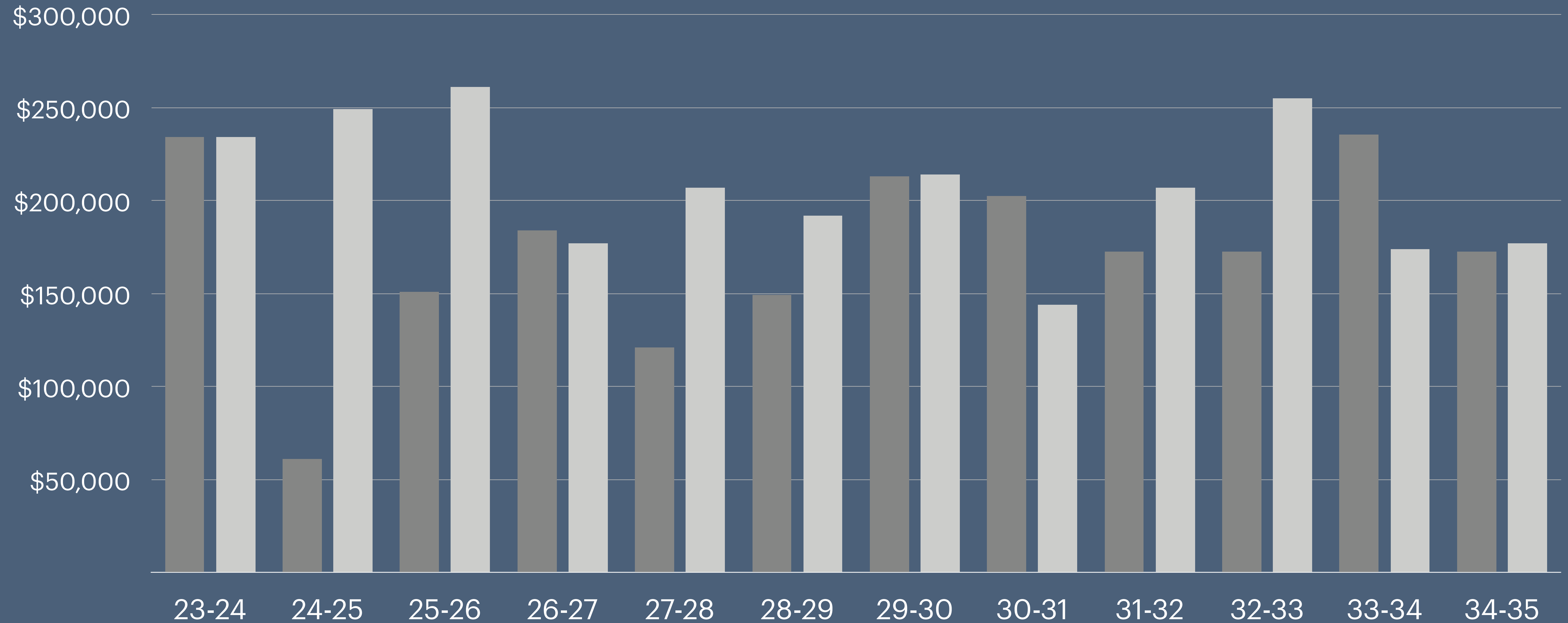
Moving forward with Apple

- Initial feedback to iPads have been positive from students, teachers, and families.
- Longer battery charge, case with keyboard providing more protection.
- Small sample size, but as of 12/16 tech has had 0 broken iPads.
- Apple Financing Services
 - Predictable budgeting
 - Will expedite the rollout of iPads
 - Allows us to purchase/install the firewalls out of current tech budget and save an estimated \$100,000+ for reallocation
 - Ability to take advantage of device resale
 - Entire school on the same model

Financial Planning

Finance

Purchase Outright



January BOE Meeting

- Approval to purchase 2 sets of firewalls for LBMS, LBES
 - Associated service to install, configure firewalls, and other changes significant to our network. Complete district internet changeover when ready.
- Approval to enter an engagement with Sentinel Technologies as our primary Network and Cyber Security Provider.
- Approval to proceed with Apple as our primary student device
- Take advantage of Apple Financial services for purchasing devices