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To: Board of Education

From: Ryan Spencer

Re: Technology Board Report, February 2026

Date: 2/5/2026

Dear Board of Education,

While reaching out to vendors for quotes on replacement Pierce Lake staff laptops, I was informed that pricing would be increasing by approximately 15% by the end of January due to increased demand for memory at AI data centers. I am happy to report that we were able to place an order for 25 HP laptops from InaComp TSG before the increase took effect. The total cost for this purchase was \$16,644. This purchase utilized REMC SAVE cooperative pricing through state-approved contracts and will be funded through the 2019 Bond.

This month, we went live with our new student enrollment system, transitioning from Registration Gateway to PowerSchool Enrollment alongside the WISD and several local districts. This new system integrates directly with PowerSchool, allowing families to update student information through the Parent Portal rather than a separate platform. Several families have already used the system to enroll their students, and we are well prepared for Kindergarten Roundup. The system improves data accuracy and enables the WISD to better support our district when issues arise.

After winter break, we experienced some slowness with our network and internet services. Our team worked closely with our network vendor to troubleshoot and identify the cause. Adjustments were made, and I am happy to report that our network is now operating more efficiently, with improved performance for staff and students.

I will be bringing forward a recommendation to Mr. Kapolka ahead of the next Board meeting regarding the refresh of student iPads for our 3rd and 8th grade students. This reflects our updated iPad replacement cycle, which has been part of our long-term technology planning and shared in past Board updates.

On a more personal note, one of our team members who joined us in July 2025 has submitted his resignation. John Aydelotte has supported South Meadows and Chelsea High School this school year and has done a wonderful job. Even in a short amount of time, he made a positive impact on our students and staff. We wish John the very best in his next chapter.



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Lastly, I have submitted two recommendations to Mr. Kapolka for Board consideration. These recommendations include replacing wireless access points at WSEC, Pierce Lake, North Creek, and South Meadows; replacing and updating CAT 6 cabling at North Creek and Pierce Lake; and replacing internal fiber at South Meadows and one network closet at North Creek. I appreciate your time and consideration of these items.

Respectfully,

Ryan Spencer
Director of Technology
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