

Memo

To: Dr. Susan Flanagan, Interim Superintendent
Dr David Ballard, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum

From: John Cavallone, Coordinator of Information Services in Technology

Date: March 1, 2012

Re: February 2012 Report

Cc: Board of Education

- Emerson School was connected to the AT&T OPT-E-MAN Circuits this week, improving its network connectivity. Now that all buildings in the district are connected to the fiber backbone, there is a major improvement with Novatime data, security videos and general Internet and infrastructure access. This does not fix all of the District issues, but it is a substantial move to correct many issues. The individual building wiring and wireless access needs attention. It does not appear that e-Rate funding for Priority 2 level projects will reach our level for 2011-2012.
- Stevenson is scheduled to have its lab replaced with new computers the week of March 6-9. Lincoln's Lab is scheduled for April. Next year we will complete the labs with Jane Addams, Irving and Roosevelt.
- Our eRate consultant, Jane Kratochvil, filed this update today:
 - Internet and Phones services are expected to be approved at the District current reimbursement rate of 89%.
 - No major issues at this time except the expenditure of the Opteman circuit is being paid for at 100% of the cost until funding is awarded. We are expecting status from the E-rate program in the next six weeks on the status.
 - IT equipment and infrastructure applied for under the e-Rate program is highly unlikely to be funding. Due in part to the error in the data collection process completed at the time when the e-Rate grants were due in March 2011.
 - The District's typical reimbursement rate is between 89% -90% percent. For the 2011-2012 the percentage was 86%.
 - Due to the high demand of available funding in the e-Rate program, information has been released officially from the e-Rate program that applicants that fall below the 88% poverty rate will unlikely be funded. We are hopeful this might change but we are not optimistic about this.
 - For the 2012-2013 application, the data collection process efforts that were made have resulted in a reimbursement rate of 90%.
 - Efforts are underway to reapply for the same services for IT Equipment for the new application due on March 20, 2012. Under the new fiscal year, we would advise the Board to wait until the funding is awarded to ensure that funds are properly awarded. We expect that the District will be fully awarded up to 90% of the costs and do not expect any issues.

- For prior years, it is anticipated that approximately \$150,000 will be awarded in the next few weeks. As a result, it will take approximately 8 weeks to recoup these funds, once awarded.

- AT&T is still in the process of assuming the phone lines from XO Communications. There is very little change here from last month. AT&T reports that additional facilities need to be installed at several locations before they can complete the project. They are looking at a March/April completion.