

Technology Director's Report

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Internet Provider: This was the final year of our existing internet contract with DRS Technical Services. We received bids from three vendors who wanted to be our new ISP (internet service provider). After carefully reviewing their proposals the district selected DRS as our internet provider again. They have provided solid service and a very rapid response to issues as our provider over the past ten years.

ASTE: ASTE is the Alaska Society for Technology in Education. Each year they hold a conference in Anchorage in mid to late February. Sam Rigby, Jon Ludwig and I attended this year. In the past we have brought teachers, but with fewer contact days between teachers and students under the subsistence calendar minimizing days out of the classroom is vital. The conference was a worthwhile professional development experience for the team.

Laptop Distribution Plan: Last year we began a process of refreshing our laptops. All students in grades 9-12 received a new device. Upon further consideration we are going to proceed in a fashion that more reflects our standards based approach to education. Instead of simply providing the new laptop to a student when he/she reaches the 9th grade, we are going to give newer computers to a student when he/she reaches level 8 in all content areas. We hope this may be an incentive for some students to push themselves, while also rewarding those who are working at an accelerated pace.