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To: Board of Education
From: Ryan Spencer
Re: Technology Board Report, February 2025
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Dear Board of Education,

We successfully launched our new timekeeping system this week! Food Service and Operations staff can now use their building badges to clock in and out via iPads installed in convenient locations across the district. While the first day presented a few challenges, we quickly resolved them. Our goal is to transition additional staff groups to this system next school year.

Following our recent Safety & Security priorities presentation, we have decided to pilot Verkada Guest, a visitor management system, at South Meadows and Pierce Lake. Families will receive communication in the coming weeks as we will conduct the pilot through the end of the school year. This system will introduce a new check-in and check-out process for visitors at these two buildings. Doug and I are excited to partner with South and Pierce to evaluate this system.

Additionally, a district parent, through their employer, coordinated a generous donation to our technology department, including a wire shelf, storage bins, and seven battery backups (UPS). These UPS units will support our network switches, cameras, PA system, and wireless access points during power outages. Even better, they match the model we currently use, making them a perfect addition to Chelsea High School. We are incredibly grateful for this donation!

Finally, I've posted a Universal Service Fund (USF) RFP for a secondary internet service through the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). This federal program provides funding for networking projects such as this. Our current five-year contract with Advanced Communications & Data (ACD) expires in October 2025. The secondary internet connection helps separate network traffic for improved security and serves as a backup if the WISD primary connection experiences downtime. My recommendation will be given to Mr. Kapolka for the March board meeting.

Respectfully,

Ryan Spencer, Director of Technology
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