

Nome Public Schools Director of Technology Report

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Current / Completed projects

Staff ChromeBook Plus model testing is almost complete for the three teachers at NES. We received the last demo model in the mail last week and have it deployed for a rapid rotation through these teachers as well. Once the final round of model tests are complete we will gather all of the feedback, receive quotes, and make a selection for purchase. Preparation of our network environment and Google Admin Console for the conversion to ChromeBook Plus devices for staff is complete. All new organizational units (groups) in Google Admin Console are created, settings applied, and being confirmed with the demo units as they are tested by various staff.

Requests for Proposals for Category I (Internet) and Category II (Network Equipment) E-Rate applications are complete (CAT-I RFP posted 15JAN26, CAT-I questions reply addendum posted 27JAN26, and CAT-II RFP posted 06FEB26). E-rate CAT-I bids are due by 27FEB26 and E-rate CAT-II bids are due 06MAR26. A committee will score the viable submitted bids and make selections of winning bids for submission to E-Rate for funding. As a reminder the E-Rate program funds costs at 90% for CAT-I and 85% for CAT-II.

In an ongoing effort to conserve additional funding to use for future device purchases, we are testing some new Web Filters for student and staff devices. We have experienced some issues in the past with one of our more expensive third party web filter providers. These issues are on both ends of the spectrum from filter overreach (over blocking of sites) to the filter not correctly enforcing settings as expected. We are currently testing two new filters for proper functionality and cost comparisons. We have experienced some initial settings pains but we were able to quickly remedy them.

Future Projects

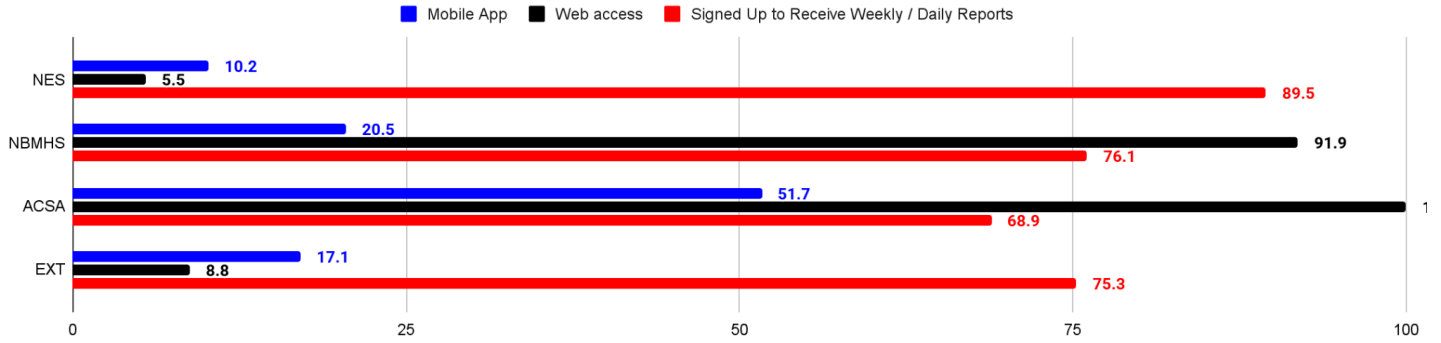
No Change - Continue to build on the District's Data Protection Policy by implementing many of the information security processes covered in the virtual Chief Information Security Officer course I am now certified in. I am identifying many policies that either need added or updated to ensure compliance with industry standards. I have submitted a few drafts of these policies for consideration by the Policy Committee.

No Change - Network diagramming for our entire network infrastructure in support of District Data Protection Policy. Division of our large layer two network into multiple Virtual Local Area Network segments to improve speed and security of our connected devices and network as a whole. This will also allow better protection of NPS owned equipment from equipment joining the guest side of our network. I have received the quote from our Juniper Switches vendor for support on this monumental task and am reviewing my budget for availability of funds.

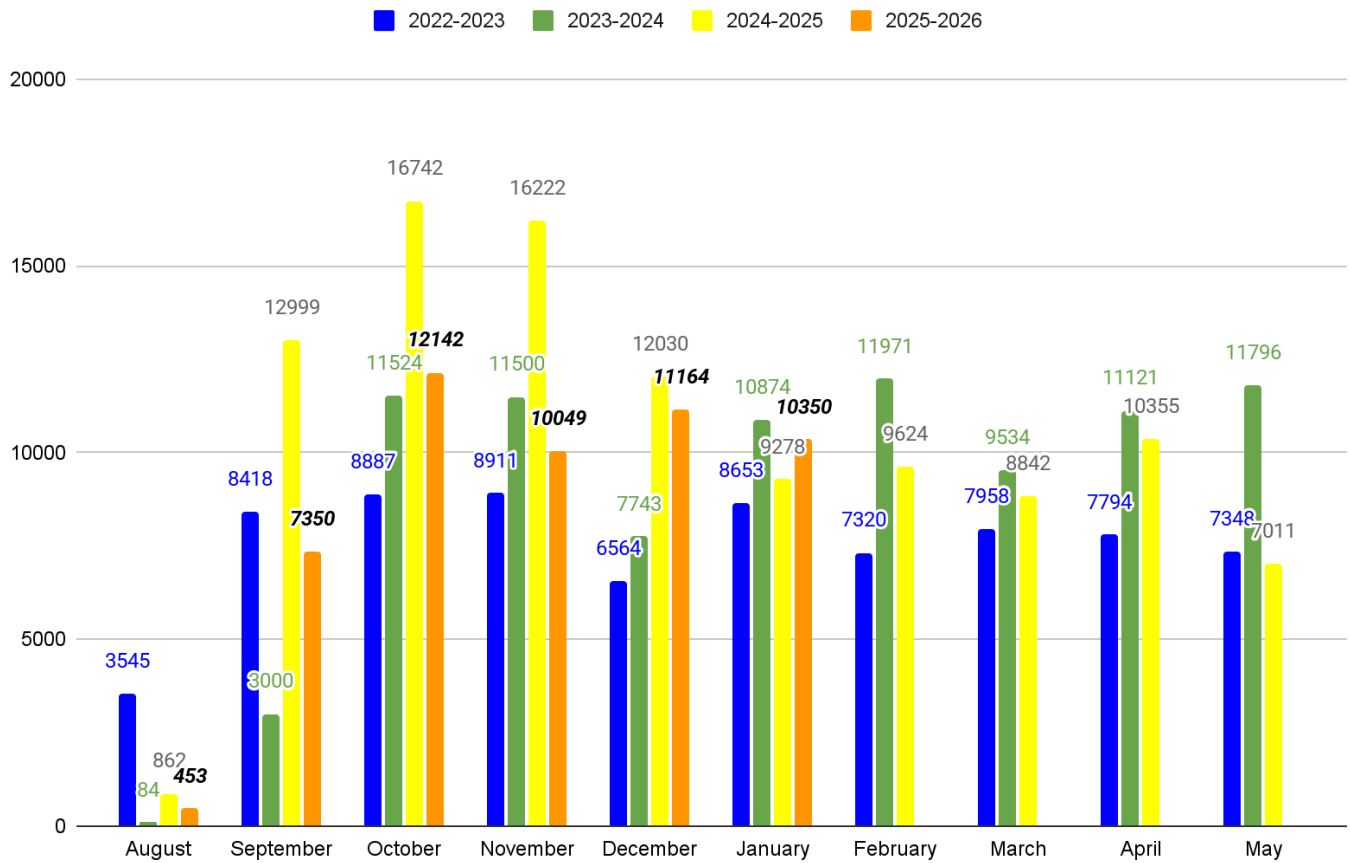
PowerSchool Online Enrollment

As of 02FEB26 the SY25-26 New Student Enrollments forms completed are at 151 (50 for Kindergarten) and the SY25-26 Returning Student Enrollment forms (launched on 31JUL25 - Closed 30NOV25) completed are 482 of 556 (86.7% complete) for a total of 633 of 665 K-12 Student records (95.2%) submitted through online enrollment. Focus is now directed to the creation / modification of the SY26-27 New and Returning Student forms.

PowerSchool Student Information System Access Data. Percentage of access by Parents or Students for last month



Total Parent and Student PS Access Sessions



Part of the Technology Department's role is to maintain the Technology Web Help Desk for staff to request repairs, training, and troubleshooting. Last month we closed / resolved 93 out of 117 (79.5%) tech requests submitted through the system. Our average response time was 1 hours and average resolution time was 7.8 hours.

