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TO: BLUE RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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FROM: ANDREA WEEDMAN, DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR

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RE: TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Educational Technology

Video conferencing and Google Classroom are the new norm these days. Some popular platforms teachers are using include Google Hangouts, Google Classroom, Zearn, MobyMax, Mystery Science, IXL, Flipgrid, Screencastify, and Zoom (PreK-1). Google Jamboard was rolled out to the district last month to offer teachers a virtual whiteboard to help engage students.

Bark Notifications have increased during this time. They are often false positives but we are very pleased with this system for monitoring student activity on their school accounts. These notifications are reviewed daily and parents are notified when an issue arises.

Throughout this unprecedented situation, teachers and aides have really embraced the technology it takes to maintain a sense of classroom communities while we are apart. I continue to be impressed by the creative ways teachers are conducting their class and extra-curricular groups.

Technology Items

- Remote Learning Continues
- Plans for retrieval of district technology assets
- Created the new school year for all buildings in Qmlativ
- Began the scheduling process for our student management system at BRIJHS & Schneider
- Reworked the Google Admin Console groups for students & staff
- State Enrollment Deadline completed 5/4
- 49 Help Tickets Closed
- Registration planning
- Survey for parents on next year's activities
- Chromebook Repairs
- Graduation AV needs
- Honor's Night Video
- Data Privacy Committee selection
- Replaced Backup Data Drives
- Reviewed security settings for backups and servers
- Closet Fob in Mansfield Repaired

- Performed several server and Network hardware Firmware updates

Upcoming

- Checking in, assessing, and inventorying district assets
 - Remote Learning Inquiries / Managing district resources for continued remote use
 - Installation of two additional door fob locations: main gym entrance at HS and rear intermediate gym door at Mansfield
 - District Inventory Continues
 - Google OU Cleanup Continues
 - Main Tech Closet Clean up FC
 - Preparing Host server for Mansfield campus to allow for virtual servers like the system in use now on FC campus
 - First Data Privacy Committee Meeting
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