



## Technology Report for March 2026 School Board Meeting Highlighting February 2026 Activities

Department:	Technology
HR Business Services Committee:	03.09.2026
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### Manager's Minutes:

- We currently have three bids open for vendors to submit proposals. We're looking to leverage federal funding from the E-Rate program to purchase technology services through these bids. One bid focuses on the ongoing support of districtwide Wi-Fi. The remaining two bids involve network connectivity of the district's buildings (including adding the DNT building) to our network. In order to use E-Rate funding we will need to act promptly on received bids to comply with E-Rate program deadlines, assuming we receive one or more satisfactory bids.
- I attended the Minnesota Technical Leadership conference in St Cloud with other tech directors and school IT staff members from across the state. Numerous sessions focused on the current use of AI in education at the districts in attendance. I took the opportunity to speak with districts who have recently implemented infrastructure that Duluth will need to replace in the near future, and gained valuable feedback on available options for us.

### What We're Working On:

- Reviewing existing subscriptions and contracted services with technology staff to identify efficiencies and cost savings
- Acquainting new staff members with our district's systems and infrastructure
- Our Digital Innovation team is beginning to review apps and online services requested by staff for use with students next school year. We hope to wrap this process up by late March.

### Staffing Report:

- Three new staff started work over the past several weeks. Prady Vakulabharanam fills our vacant Network Engineer I position. Neeraja Vudhanthi fills our IT Security Analyst position, and Nick Krauss fills our longest-standing vacancy of the group, beginning work this March as our Network Architect/Administrator.
- Our department is now fully staffed