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To: Board of Education

From: Ryan Spencer

Re: Technology Board Report, April 2025

Date: 4/2/2025

Dear Board of Education,

Pierce Lake has officially launched Verkada Guest, our pilot program for a new visitor management system. Due to PLECC's unique programming schedule and the absence of a secure vestibule, implementation has been more complex—but not impossible! We installed the iPad outside the main entrance, allowing guests to check in before using the intercom call button. Below is a photo of the Pierce Lake main entrance.



Throughout March, we conducted first-, second-, and third-round interviews for our open Tech 1 position. Mr. Kaemming and I are currently completing reference checks, and I anticipate making an announcement at our next board meeting. We are excited to fill this position and strengthen our technology team.

Spring Break was both productive and busy for our team. We completed several key projects, including:

- Routine maintenance such as cleaning iPad carts at North and South and dusting out projectors district-wide.



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- Deploying UPS battery backups at CHS to ensure network closets remain operational during power outages (WiFi, classroom phones, and security cameras). This project is ongoing and will be completed this summer.
- Continuing cable management improvements in our server room.
- Updating our PowerSchool URL to reflect our new domain:
ps.chelseaschools.org.

We're ready to go for testing season next week! We have battery packs, additional chargers, spare iPads, and all iPads are running a stable iPadOS version that is compatible with the testing app. To provide on-site support, two techs will be stationed at WSEC and one at CHS to assist as needed.

In response to recent tariff changes, I have revised our South Meadows staff laptop recommendation and informed Mr. Kapolka accordingly. We have identified the HP ProBook 440 G11 as a domestic alternative available through REMC that meets our original specifications. The total cost—including the Apple MacBook Air computers—is \$33,319.75, reflecting a \$2,585.25 savings with the model change.

Respectfully,

Ryan Spencer, Director of Technology
Chelsea School District