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## Keith Roberts - Director of Technology August 2025 Board Report

Over the past month, our department has made strong progress on several major initiatives to prepare for the school year. One of the most important accomplishments has been the successful rollout of our new phone system, Cisco Webex. We have fully ported all numbers to the new platform, and calls are now being made and received on the system. Over the next week, the system will be further tested and refined. This upgrade gives us a more modern and flexible communication solution, with features that will benefit both office staff and building administrators across the district.

We've also completed the setup of all student devices in preparation for students' return later this month. Every Chromebook has been updated, cleaned, and organized for deployment. At the same time, we finished the audio and video upgrade in the Lakeview LRC. These improvements will help staff deliver more engaging instruction and allow for better use of shared learning spaces.

This summer, we also installed Apple TVs in every instructional space across the district. These devices go far beyond basic screen projection. Teachers can now wirelessly mirror their MacBooks or iPads from anywhere in the room, giving them more mobility and flexibility during instruction. In K–8 classrooms, Apple TVs support small group sharing, interactive presentations, and the ability for students to display their work for feedback or collaboration—right from their devices. They also streamline transitions and eliminate the need for teachers to be tethered to their desks. I look forward to working with our teachers on this amazing classroom addition!

None of this work would have been possible without the effort of our summer tech team. I want to sincerely thank Sharon Dadepogu, Rusty Novotny, Cole Novotny, Kelli Kerfin, and Megan Aleo for their dedication, long hours, and positive attitudes. They've gone above and beyond to make sure everything is in place for the start of the year. Their work behind the scenes is a big part of why things run smoothly when the doors open.