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During January, the Technology Department focused on planning for the upcoming school year while continuing to support current operations. Efforts included forecasting technology budgets for student and staff devices, improving systems that support families and staff, advancing infrastructure needs, and progressing staffing to strengthen building-level support.

Instructional Technology & Staff Development

- Budget forecasting is underway for next year's instructional and staff devices, given long lead times and potential tariff impacts. Planning includes student device replacements across multiple grade levels and staff computer refreshes at IDE and Prairieview.

- A limited number of additional Chromebooks are being ordered to help offset damaged devices and ensure adequate availability for spring assessments.

- Work continues on improvements to Skyward in preparation for the upcoming school year. Jessica Sage, Sharon Dadepogu, and I are meeting to outline updates to online registration that simplify the process for parents while improving integration with the district's reporting systems.

- Significant work has been completed within Skyward to support report cards. Sharon Dadepogu and Rusty have spent considerable time this year modifying the system to meet reporting needs. As a result, next year's gradebook configuration is in a much stronger position and will be shared with teachers in the coming months.

Operations & Infrastructure

- The District accepted an RFP bid from Konica Minolta for new copiers. The five-year contract results in a net neutral price increase, adds an additional device, and includes a print governance system to improve oversight and cost control.

Other Highlights

- Interviews were conducted for the open Help Desk Technician position. Several qualified candidates were identified, and the finalist pool is being narrowed. A hiring recommendation will be brought forward soon.

- Next month, I'll be highlighting some amazing tech projects that are about to kick off across the district.