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TO: Board of Education
Dr. McGill
FROM: Greg Martin, Director of Technology
DATE: November 5, 2025
RE: Technology Report

Dear Board of Education Members,

The list below highlights a few of the updates and accomplishments over the past month:

- **Camera and Keycard Access Updates**

As part of ongoing efforts to enhance school safety and secure access across district facilities, we completed multiple upgrades to the district's access control and camera systems during the past month. Six additional doors were added to the access control system (four at Benjamin and two at Evergreen). Access control schedules were added for several outside groups to provide access only when needed and improve security oversight. Eleven additional cameras were installed (five at Benjamin and six at Evergreen) for enhanced coverage. Four panic buttons were installed at the AdCenter to expand the direct emergency alert capabilities and improve security. In addition to these installs, one card access panel at Evergreen and one exterior camera at Benjamin were replaced under warranty.

- **File and Records Server Configuration Changes**

Completed a major file system conversion on both the File Server and Records Server. This upgrade improves system performance, enhances data recovery capabilities, and strengthens the stability of district file storage. This conversion was completed without disruption, and all shared folders, permissions, and mapped drives were preserved throughout the migration.

- **Parent Teacher Conference Scheduling**

Working with the Data Admin Assistants, we reviewed available parent-teacher scheduling platforms to streamline the scheduling process. PowerPTC was selected based on the integration with PowerSchool, ease of use, data security requirements, and support offerings. PowerPTC was installed, configured, and integrated with PowerSchool for automatic syncing of teachers, courses, and parent contact information. Secure parent login access was configured using existing PowerSchool credentials to provide a unified experience.

- **Verizon Account Review**

Completed a comprehensive review of the district's Verizon wireless account. During this review, we compared our existing plan with Verizon's updated education rate structures. All lines have been switched to a new plan that offers enhanced features and approximately \$4,578 in annual savings.