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During February, the Technology Department focused on the responsible use of district-approved AI tools, advancing infrastructure planning, supporting spring assessments, and continuing work on systems that serve students, staff, and families.

Instructional Technology & Staff Development

- The district has enabled Google Gemini within our Google Workspace for Education (GSFE) domain for both staff and students. Currently, usage is concentrated among junior high students, and the Technology Department has full visibility into that activity through Google's administrative tools.

- Several safeguards are in place within our GSFE environment. Gemini is configured with under-18 access controls for student accounts. Student and staff data are not used to train Google's AI models. Access is managed through the Google Admin Console with policies applied at the organizational unit level, and audit logs provide ongoing visibility to ensure appropriate use.

- We are also developing Gemini-specific controls tailored to various curricular areas, allowing AI access and permissions to align more closely with instructional needs.

- I have been working with Jessica Sage to update the Skyward online registration process. The focus is on making it easier for parents to navigate while ensuring the data collected is clean and easy to work with on the school side.

Operations & Infrastructure

- The district is undergoing a network infrastructure audit ahead of an anticipated E-Rate Category 2 infrastructure project in 2027. This will help identify current gaps and ensure we are well-positioned heading into that project.

- With support from the Board of Education and the budgeting process, we are hoping to purchase additional student devices for our youngest learners at Elizabeth Ide.

- The new Konica Minolta copiers are being rolled out across the district. The replacement is largely 1:1, except for two smaller copiers consolidated into a single larger unit with a full finisher at Lakeview.

Other Highlights

- We are pleased to welcome Olivia Mitchell as our new Help Desk Technician. Olivia has hit the ground running, supporting students and staff. Her primary focus is managing help desk tickets, but you'll also see her out and about in our buildings on a regular basis.

- The district is currently administering ISA (Illinois Science Assessment), with IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) scheduled to begin soon. The Technology Department is supporting both assessments to ensure devices and infrastructure are ready for a smooth testing experience.