

## **Technology Department January 2017**

### **E-rate**

The e-rate saga around the country still continues. However, at long last in Wave 27, Browning Schools was finally awarded our e-rate dollars. The total amount was \$104,000 down from the \$118,000 last funding year. Why the difference? It's recognition of the reduced amounts being funded for our basic telephone and long distance services.

The e-rate dollars this year covers

- 90% of our Internet and private WAN (wide area network) connections
- 90% of our Internet costs at Big Sky and Glendale Elementaries
- 50% of our telephone and long distances services (down from 70% last year and will reduce to 30% in 2017-18, 10% in 2018-19 and 0% 2019-20 and forward unless the e-rate rules change).
- 40% of our cellular services because e-rate excludes monies for caller ID, call waiting and other features even though we have no way to disable those features. (similarly cellular will be subject to the percent reductions the same as landline telephone)

### **Security Cameras**

Cameras have been installed at all locations and recording the activity to our DVR's. William has been out showing staff how to review recordings when needed. Now that the cameras are up, principals/staff are identifying where additional coverage is required and we'll come up with a funding strategy and fill in those gaps.

### **Assessment Conference**

I attended the recently concluded assessment conference and at long last came back with some strategies to load some of our assessment data for our students into Infinite Campus. This would in time include items such as ACT scores for the high school students that would in turn print on their transcripts, SBAC scores and more. Overall a good learning experience to start implementing in the coming weeks.

