

Educational Technology Association

Technology for Learning

December 2025 ETA Report

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Tickets (ETA Wide):

• Current Open: 313

Created this month: 2322Closed this month: 2303

Trainings Provided:

- Data Tracking
- Artificial Intelligence
- Sphero robots
- Virtual Reality
- PowerSchool beginner training
- PowerSchool User Group

Updates:

- After much research we have decided not to move our PowerSchool servers to Amazon Web Services (AWS) as part of the MiCloud grant. Even though the first year of AWS hosting is complimentary, with substantial discounts available through the grant afterward, it was still much cheaper for us to purchase and host the servers in our data center. We are now working with districts to help spread the cost of those servers out if needed.
- With E-rate season now upon us, we are strategically planning to leverage the funding secured through the 12c consolidation grant. These combined funds will be utilized to purchase essential network equipment for every district we serve, a critical step in strengthening and modernizing our entire regional network infrastructure to handle increasing digital demands and ensure high-speed, reliable connectivity.
- Pine River Area Schools received a substantial security grant. We are working with them to implement some new automated systems that integrate into our phone and

door system. Afterwards we hope to replicate those automated systems in other districts.

- With AI becoming more widespread and with so many different applications across
 educational and administrative functions, we are starting a dedicated AI taskforce. The
 primary mission of this taskforce will be to help districts navigate this rapidly evolving
 new technology landscape and, critically, to get the appropriate policies in place.
- We continue attending cyber partner meetings (virtually) to stay informed of the newest threats. We then share this information with all the districts within the four ISD support regions of the ETA.
- This month, our external vulnerability scan identified 113 threats across 1056 locations.
 One open vulnerability was noted, which was already known to the district and subsequently closed following our communication.
- All backups have been verified. Google backups were checked at COOR ISD, Marion Public Schools, Kaleva Norman Dickson Schools and Baldwin Community Schools. Veeam (server) backups have been checked for Crawford AuSable School District, Mason County Central, Mesick Consolidated Schools, Kaleva Norman Dickson Schools, Manton Consolidated Schools, and Walkerville Public Schools.
- Below is the latest results from our phishing campaign.

