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## Keith Roberts - Director of Technology September 2025 Board Report

We've had a strong start to the school year, and I'm pleased to share some highlights from the past month. Our new Cisco Webex phone system is now fully live across the district, and staff are starting to make use of its updated tools. This upgrade provides us with more flexibility and reliability, and it's already making communication smoother across our schools.

We've also continued our rollout of touchscreen Chromebooks for students. These devices are especially effective in our younger grades, where touch navigation makes learning more accessible and intuitive. Every device was cleaned, updated, and ready for use before the first day of school, which helped ensure that students could get right to work without interruption.

Two new classroom technology upgrades are also moving forward. Document cameras have arrived and will be installed in classrooms beginning next week. These tools give teachers an easy way to model work, display text or visuals, and share student work for discussion. In addition, Apple TVs were installed in every instructional space over the summer. Apple TVs make it possible for teachers to present wirelessly from their iPads or laptops, giving them the freedom to move around the classroom while teaching and making lessons more interactive and flexible.

The reconfiguration of the Lakeview LRC has also been a major highlight. This updated space will serve as the new location for Board meetings, and it is equally well-suited for large-scale presentations and gatherings. The improved sound and video systems make the LRC a flexible and high-quality space for both instructional use and district events.

Finally, I want to recognize the efforts of our technology team. Sharon Dadepogu and Rusty Novotny. Their commitment and hard work ensured that staff and students returned to reliable systems and ready-to-use devices. While this may seem like a customary task. It's still one of the most labor-intensive within our domain.