

Technology Department Report March 2026

Since the last Board Report, the Technology Department has been active in assisting projects such as:

- Stacy Fisher has been working on fire evacuation maps along with tickets, emails and phone calls supporting the staff and students.
- Liane Kamp has worked on the Spring General Collection uploads for the rural schools, configuration of Lakewood's PowerSchool, and templates to retrieve data from Skyward.
- Patrick Tucker has been working on iPad deployments following our new pricing and approval processes along with fixing a hiccup we had with our app deployment processor. In addition to the normal tickets that have been coming in, he has also have been working with Ring Central to fix our staff phone's display for availability.
- Ben Fox helped resolve a critical problem with our financial software that prevented school employees in Ionia County from viewing their pay stubs or W2s online. He also helped with the security system overhaul in the Administration Building as well as helped install a printer in the Criminal Justice classroom.
- Robert Silvernail has spent significant time preparing for the elementary school construction and continued auditorium upgrades for the fine arts programs.
- John has been working providing support on the new ICCC visitor management system that was installed and went live this month. John also participated in the REMC Device Purchasing hands-on evaluation on March 24th, this is the 13th year of being part of the group and representing the interests of our students and those in Ionia County.

The Student Information System (SIS) Change

The trainings with the local districts continue, February got to see Portland and Belding get the bulk of the training time. Liane and John continued to try and sit in on these sessions to maintain consistency of message on process and procedures with the training. March looks to be for Saranac and Flat River Academy. The "super admin" training has been delayed due to schedule availability of the PowerSchool trainers based on our first dates submitted for 02/04 – 02/26. Now we are trying to make it work for 03/11 – 03/28...

Security Enhancements

John & Ron have been able to make some major progress with the goal of bringing our door security under a local system (instead of EPS Security). The Administration Building went live with its conversion from EPS to Unifi, and staff have been given the necessary near field communication tags that mimic an access card at a fraction of the price (\$0.30 vs \$4.00).

Additional surveillance cameras were purchased, and the network lines have been pulled to the necessary locations. The interior cameras were planned to "go live" this month, but staffing changed within the Maintenance Department has put a hold on that part of the project. Exterior cameras are still planned to be installed once the warmer spring weather arrives and staff may climb the ladders to drill into the exterior walls to mount the cameras.