May 2025 - Technology Board Report

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Microcom (Starlink) Install

We have coordinated the Microcom install for Newhalen and Port Alsworth to be completed the week of May 26th. They will be replacing DRS/SES as our internet provider for FY26. DRS will schedule a removal of their OneWeb equipment from the schools after the completion of the current contract (6/30/25). Microcom will be the exclusive provider of internet for all schools for FY26.

Computer and iPad Management

We're migrating to Jamf School, an education-focused version of our current computer and iPad management software, this summer. This platform offers enhanced tools for efficient device management and precise inventory tracking, streamlining operations and reducing costs by 30%. Our continued goal is to shift more of our work from reactive troubleshooting to proactive management, reducing downtime and improving technology readiness for students and staff.

Revising Technology Use Agreements

We have been revising and updating our student and staff technology use agreements to reflect current needs and best practices. Revisions include modernized language, new policies addressing responsible AI use, explicit guidelines for proper device care, and more. These changes aim to foster a safe, respectful, and effective technology environment as we prepare for the next school year.