

# Memo

**To:** Dr. Michael Robey, Superintendent  
Dr. David Ballard, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum

**From:** John Cavallone, Coordinator of Information Services in Technology

**Date:** July 17, 2012

**Re:** June/July 2012 Report

**Cc:** Board of Education

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PowerSchool has been upgraded from version 6 to version 7.3.1. This version has some slight user interface modifications and will require additional training in the Fall when teachers return. Version 7 integrates with an iPad application for teachers as well as iPhone applications for parents and students.

The Disaster Recovery project has been completed so that, if there were an event that might incapacitate the Van Buren building, the district could be back up in 48 hours, due to nightly image replications to the 906 Walton Building.

Due to the excessive heat of late June and the storms of the first week of July, gas generator systems at Van Buren and 906 Walton will be necessary in order to maintain a reliable electric flow to maintain the District's increased reliance on technology systems. Mr. Lullo and Mr. Thomas are investigating costs. Other buildings will require surge protection to prevent damage to equipment due to fluctuating power during storms and high electrical demand in the community.

The K-2 grade laptops for teachers will be ready upon the teachers' return in August.

The computers for library clerks at all schools have been upgraded.

The district wireless project is underway. Stevenson and Melrose Park have been wired and the wireless access points are placed, but not operational. The scheduled completion date for the project is August 15.

### **eRate Update**

2010-2011 – For the first time since 1998, all funding has been approved by the all vendors and USAC (Universal Service Administrative Company - [www.usac.org/about](http://www.usac.org/about)). This amount totals \$157,716.02, the largest funding amount in the history of the program for District 89.

To date, we have collected \$25,623.55 from Sprint and \$34,374.26 from AT&T. We are awaiting checks from XO Communications (\$81,381.49), and Verizon (\$16,336.72).

2011-2012 – We are in the “Available for Quality Assurance” Stage - Your Form 471 has completed Final Review. Your Form 471 may be assigned for Quality Assurance Review. Quality Assurance Review verifies that the Initial Review and Final Review procedures were properly performed.

2012-2013 – We are in the “Final Review” Stage - Your Form 471 has been assigned for Final Review. All applications must receive both an Initial Review and a Final Review. NOTE: Your Form 471 may return to Final Review status at any time before a Funding Commitment Decision Letter is issued.