

June 2022 Board Report

E-rate

No news is good news during this time in the e-rate filing windows. Our Form 471's for internet and hardware switches have been submitted and we patiently wait for the e-rate guru's to approve our submissions. Same waiting situation as in prior months.

Cyber Security

META is partnering with other Montana State agencies (at long last-the State of Montana has finally realized school districts need the same resources as the rest of state government) to bring forth various cyber security training programs over the coming months. Additionally META is also working with MSGIA and Payne West insurance carriers to receive discounted rates on our cyber security coverages with these trainings and certifications becoming available.

Summer work

Summer work is in full swing. iPads are being wiped and ready in the various schools, macbooks are being updated and are already being prepared for our new staff joining us this August.

Switches

The backbone of the school network were ordered the 1st of April and we are patiently awaiting their arrival. We have word they may arrive by mid-July but we are still at the mercy of supply chain shortages throughout the tech industry supply chain. In the interim we have developed a game plan with our network partner to make the install and replacement of switches as seamless as possible throughout the district.