

Technology Department
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The USAC staff are still in their PIA (Program Integrity Assurance) process. Many districts have been receiving their Category 1 award letters and we hope to receive ours soon. It should be any day.

New Learning Spaces-

We are anxiously awaiting the word GO to enter the new learning spaces at the William Buffalo Hide Center and new vo-tech space at the high school. We have access points to turn up the wireless connectivity in those areas, some phones that need to be tested for the classrooms and more.

While lots of network runs were made in these areas for anticipation of the networked band saw, these learning spaces will be the first in the district to rely almost entirely on WiFi. You could compare the transition to those who have gone all cellular and no longer have a land line for their telephony needs.

Security Cameras

The new network cabling has been run to the camera locations and the first of the cameras have been mounted in their locations. Some initial cameras have been connected to the network for testing and the first will be coming on line in the next few weeks.

Upcoming trainings-

We are looking forward to our upcoming training at the JUNC conference in Minneapolis to learn about best practices for technology with an emphasis on supporting Apple. I will also be attending the regional tech director gathering in Great Falls on October 2nd where we talk about local and state issues in education.