

Advantages of Becker Schools Partnering with Palmer Towers

Students will have the ability to do their homework on buses and outdoors around the school campus using the internet. Providing a rolling study hall throughout the State of Minnesota and Nationwide.

Becker will be one of the first schools in Minnesota to utilize WiFi on their buses at a no cost solution to district.

Students will be focused on homework and promote better behavior on the bus rides.

Students attending extra-curricular activities don't always have the motivation to do their homework when they get home so late and they will have the ability to do on their work earlier in the night.

Students have the ability to bring their classrooms out of the building.

Students and teachers have the ability to check on homework if attending a field trip all day.

Athletes can now have more help prioritizing their academics and use their iPads to and from games to work on their homework.

GPS tracking capabilities on each bus is available if the school desires to utilize this optional feature allowing for extra safety monitoring options, cloud base tracking and mapping for each bus. Becker Schools IT staff can manage the bus modems remotely.

WiFi on the bus allows for capabilities of wireless security cameras for any behavioral issues on the bus if the school wishes to install them and with the ability to remotely access them to see what is happening on the bus.

Coaches could use the WiFi on the bus to update scores on their iPads on the way home from away games.

Palmer Towers with Arvig will provide back-up internet in case of a main internet provider outage.

Other wireless carriers such as AT&T, Verizon, Sprint or T-Mobile networks will have better coverage in the City of Becker improving cell phone coverage for many customers.

Improved cell phone coverage in the school buildings for Verizon and now adding AT&T.

Palmer Towers and Arvig are local companies and managed and supported by local people providing local customer service as well.

Arvig would be an alternative internet provider for Becker, more competition and lower prices for consumers in the Becker community.

The campus hot spots will encourage students to stay on campus to do homework and not venture into town.

Students that can't afford internet at home will have up to 2 additional hours to use internet on the bus or they can come to campus and use the wireless network such as the field house, etc. to access the wireless network.

This project is a true public private partnership that doesn't require tax payer money to provide real benefits to the school district.