

January 2026–District Technology Update

January Update

The January update is much the same as the past few months.

We are excited to bring the Connected Seniors program to Port Orford. We have gotten the students to participate, the Port Orford Library is ready with a space for us, and Keith and Bill from Connected Seniors as well as Jill from SWOCC are purchasing the rest of the equipment that we need. They are also working with Brittany Pogwizd to promote the program in our community! The dates we have are April 3rd to May 29th (it would be every Friday) from 9:50 AM - 11 AM. We are missing a week (April 24th) due to a Teacher Trade day.

Working on getting quotes from installers for our Verkada cameras and vape sensors to be installed in both the high school and the elementary school. When the system is set up we will be able to better handle vaping incidents that occur.

One of our servers went down on Saturday (1/3/26) and came back Monday (1/5/26). Justin and I were working on getting it back on and restoring connection between the two, what we found during this restoration was that they weren't pulling information from each other the way they were supposed to. In our fix the servers were spending more resources talking back and forth to make sure that all the information is correct on both sides and continued to check until all the information was synced up once again. This has been done and we're working to make sure that we mitigate the downtime if this does happen again.

Projects

Verkada - Cameras and vape sensors

Server went down - repair and monitor

Getting profiles and Chromebooks set up for new students joining Family Academy

Working on getting the sign in front of PHS fully working again

Ongoing Projects

Connected Seniors

Data Retention - how long to keep users after they leave the POLSD Organization

Clever integration - making sure the apps are useable for our teachers

Inventory - Deprovisioning Chromebooks & Rotating in new Chromebooks

Working on continuing blocking AI in classroom settings

Updating Web Filtering Policies on Chromebooks/Workstations

Documentation

Microsoft 365 implementation