

## **TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

The following outlines the list of activities and expenses related to the technology plan for the month of November.

During the early part of November the Fine Arts lab at Peacock was inundated with viruses. The lab received approximately 600 virus infections during the first two weeks, this amounts to about 6 times the total amount of a normal month's infections. After a rather lengthy analysis period it was found that a new computer program installed in March had Malware/Spyware embedded within the program. This explains why there have been ongoing issues in this particular lab. This program has subsequently been removed from the lab's image set and we have had no further problems since.

Replacement laptops have been provided to the Benson teaching staff. The laptops have been processed (tagged with district property tags, scanning of both the property tag and serial number and placement into the district's inventory database), configured and an image set has been created for use in the initial setup stage as well as for future technical support. During the creation phase of the image set we encountered a problem with adware and browsing hijacking, this was perplexing since this was a new image. After a little technical digging it was found that a software package was the culprit and had installed a Malware client which caused numerous infections. The problem has been resolved but it is quite clear that the non-mainstream software vendors are selling space on software installation programs to providers of Malware and Spyware.

The telephones for Peacock have arrived and the technology team has been busy processing, distributing and ensuring the components are connected and ready for our vendor to complete the cut over on December 2.

The last monitor has been installed at Peacock which concludes this year's distribution to the final four classrooms. The project was delayed due to one of the four units being faulty upon arrival from the manufacturer.

The expenditures for the month of November are as follows:

Administrative Software	\$589.00
Computers Life-Cycle	\$21,344.00
E-Mail Accounts	\$116.64
Repair/Replacement	\$43.85
Telecommunications Charges	
-WAN	\$686.39
-Internet (ISBE)	\$270.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$22,460.88</b>