

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

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

On site visits have been completed to further assess the three remaining Student Information Software packages under consideration. Three schools were visited and this phase has proved to be extremely helpful as it allowed us to view the programs in live environments and get feedback from users who are familiar with each program. One of the three programs has been eliminated since everyone involved with the visit found it to be difficult to navigate and the interface was extremely cumbersome. MIGS and STI are the two finalist programs, both were well received throughout the entire assessment process. Currently there are a number of technical, administrative, and security questions that I would like answered before moving forward with our decision. I plan to have a recommendation for Dr. Cull in advance of the March board meeting.

An updated version of the district's virus protection program has been deployed on one subnet of our network, shortly afterwards several technical concerns were identified. Therefore, the upgrade deployment has been pended until solutions can be identified. While there are technical concerns they are minor and will not affect the regular function of virus protection.

A training session was scheduled for the institute day at Benson on one of our newer assessment programs, Read Naturally. During the training the trainer had a number of teachers log into the management portion of the system which caused corruption to the database and ultimately crashed the program. Apparently the trainer was unaware that there shouldn't be more than 1 management user in the system at any given time. A fix was provided by the vendor that never corrected the problem, however, we were able to recover the database using our back up system.

A new build has been released and installed to correct several minor issues within our payroll program. The update has been completed without incident.

The expenditures for the month of January are as follows:

E-Mail Accounts	\$113.06
Repair/Replacement	\$679.49
Telecommunications Charges	
-WAN	\$686.39
-Internet (ISBE)	\$270.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,748.94