

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

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

The telephone system cutover was completed on December 21 at Peacock and the building is now live on the new telephone system. The process went very smoothly this time around with our vendor completing the cutover and providing training to the building secretaries and Reinhard. The teachers were previously trained on using the new phones prior to the cutover date. There are several extremely minor technical concerns that are being worked out but should not prove to be an inconvenience.

Earlier this year I had completed an assessment of our local and long distance telephone charges. This assessment along with comparisons of other telecom vendor's pricing structures concluded that the district could save approximately \$3,000-\$5,000 annually by switching providers. This was completed several months ago and I will begin an assessment during the first part of this year to see how we can further reduce our telecommunications charges.

During the first part of the school year it was brought to my attention that there has been a time lag between the time voice mail messages are recorded and the time they are available to their respective V-Mail users. After researching this it has been verified to be a known "issue" with our voice mail system. The solution is to ensure the system is rebooted every 2-3 weeks. A schedule has been established to ensure the system is powered down regularly to avoid this inconsistency.

Testing of the most recent upgrade to our virus protection program has been positive and we have begun deployment of this upgrade and will phase it in to ensure there are no unforeseen issues or concerns.

The expenditures for the month of December are as follows:

Administrative Software	\$329.50
Data Cable	\$1,227.00
E-Mail Accounts	\$113.06
Repair/Replacement	\$845.40
Telecommunications Charges	
-WAN	\$686.39
-Internet (ISBE)	\$270.00
Telephone System-Peacock	\$25,503.16
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$28,974.51