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To: Board of Education

From: Ryan Spencer

Re: Technology Board Report, August 2026

Date: 8/26/2026

Dear Board of Education,

We are excited to welcome our students and staff back into our buildings! The Technology Department dedicated a great deal of effort this summer to prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on the first day of school. As students and staff return, our team will continue responding quickly to help desk tickets, emails, phone calls, and visits to the tech office to ensure a smooth start to the year.

This summer included several major infrastructure projects across the district:

At North Creek, the Y5s renovation required us to relocate a secondary network closet (IDL). This involved installing new data cabling throughout approximately one-third of the building, along with new fiber connections to the relocated cabinet. Once construction is complete, our vendor will return to complete the cabling in the renovated Y5s classrooms. We also replaced the building's wireless access points with new Cisco Meraki equipment.

At Pierce Lake, our work focused on the 300 pod. We installed new classroom projectors, sound systems, wireless access points, PA speakers, phones, and the supporting network cabling needed for these upgrades.

At South Meadows, we replaced all wireless access points and installed new internal fiber between the main network closet and the building's two supporting network closets to provide the bandwidth needed for the upgraded wireless infrastructure.

Students in grades 3 and 8 received new district-issued iPads as part of our updated replacement cycle. This is the second year these devices no longer include headphone jacks, so we purchased USB-C audio adapters (dongles) to ensure compatibility with classroom headphones. Working with South Meadows and Beach Middle School, we developed an efficient distribution process to ensure students have their devices ready for the first day of school.

We were also pleased to welcome Isabell (Bell) Roscinski to the Technology Department this summer. In addition, our summer interns, Liam Favre (Chelsea High School Class of 2026) and Linus Austin (Dexter Community Schools student and participant in our Cybersecurity program), provided valuable support by preparing student iPads and assisting with several of our summer projects.



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Lastly, I have submitted a recommendation to replace the electronic sign at Chelsea High School and appreciate the Board's consideration.

Respectfully,

Ryan Spencer, Director of Technology
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