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With the 2026–27 school year now underway, our focus has shifted from summer prep to supporting active classroom instruction, refining administrative systems, and maintaining strong data safeguards. Student device rollouts went smoothly, Skyward updates are progressing well, and we are establishing district leadership controls around AI availability and usage.

Operations & Infrastructure

- **Device Deployments:** First-day student device use went smoothly, with our team actively managing move-ins to ensure every student was equipped immediately. The new 2nd-grade Chromebooks are performing significantly better than the previous devices, giving teachers and students back valuable instructional time.
- Elizabeth Ide School had the oldest technology in the district. This year, all students will have access to current-day technology with enhanced performance. Grade K-1 received new iPads while 2nd grade received new convertible Chromebooks.
- I'll be working with staff in our encore-type classes to help assess their technology needs. Traditionally, they have received older devices as they become available. We've supplemented where we can. We'll work closely with Assistant Superintendent Katie Matthews and our amazing Instructional Coaches to identify the best technology for their use case.
- Mid-month, we'll officially roll out our new Staff Tech Hub. This platform will serve as a one-stop shop for teachers to easily navigate district tech tools, troubleshoot on the fly, and discover new classroom resources. Our goal is to streamline tech support and keep everything staff needs right at their fingertips
- Our family tech hub is being updated and will include new information and support options.

Skyward & Student Information

- **Standards Alignment:** We are seeing positive momentum with the newly aligned grade-level standards and grading setup. Our team continues to refine system configurations in these early weeks of the school year to keep pace with staff needs as they arise.
- Sharon Dadepogu did a phenomenal job working with Skyward support to address some last-minute changes to our system.

New Teacher Tech

- We spent quality time with our new staff and teachers walking through all of our technology resources. Between the new faces and new ideas, our role goes well beyond fixing issues—it's a true technology partnership. We love leading professional development and working side by side with staff to bring these new ideas to the classroom.

AI Integration

- Looking ahead, we'll work with district leadership to tighten internal AI controls and reporting mechanisms. Our primary focus remains on guiding LLM availability across the district while prioritizing student data safety. This year, we will make additional AI platforms available to staff and teachers. We will thoroughly evaluate each system to identify potential pitfalls and establish guardrails. We are also seeing enhanced AI tools being built into the curriculum resources we use now.