

D2 Technology Department Board Report - September 2026

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The 2026–2027 school year is underway. Summer work focused on preparing student and staff devices, user accounts, classroom technology, administrative systems, and network infrastructure for the return of students and staff.

The District replaced 37 staff laptops and 207 student Chromebooks as part of its five-year technology replacement plan. Despite changes in pricing, these purchases remained within the established budget framework. We also replaced aging classroom technology with interactive flat panels (IFPs). We're grateful to the PTO for its generous donations!

The District renewed licensing and extended warranty coverage for its existing Extreme Networks wireless access points for three years at a total cost of approximately \$41,000. USAC E-Rate funding approval remains pending. The District is paying the renewal cost upfront and will seek reimbursement if funding is approved.

Richmond-Burton has completed its student information system migration to Skyward Qmlativ, and its financial system migration is scheduled for October 5, 2026. Experience from these migrations will help guide Nippersink's transitions on August 5, 2027 (student information system), and October 5, 2027 (financial system).

We welcome Ariana Sortman as our new Support Technician. Ariana will primarily be based at RGS and brings a wealth of experience as both an educator and an IT professional.

Through September 15, the team has closed 197 of 209 support requests received this school year. The number of requests received is approximately 28% lower than during the same period last year. Support requests received from the beginning of each school year through September 15:

2026–2027: 209

2025–2026: 292

2024–2025: 298

I am proud of our Technology Services team. They work diligently each summer to prepare for the school year and have done a particularly good job this year.