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GOALS FOR THE TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

- Maintain a long-range vision for the district on how best to grow and adapt to current and emerging technologies to support quality education at a sustainable price point.
- Upgrading technology for staff and students on a regular basis that maintains key systems.
- Work with staff to effectively utilize technology to support student learning.

DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY FOCUS AREA(S)

- Maintaining effective technology operations on an ongoing basis.
- Continue to update our systems and methodologies to best meet the changing needs of the educational technology landscape.

CURRENT PROJECTS/CONSIDERATIONS

- The ERate process is beginning for the coming year. It should be fairly simple since we are already under contract for Internet services, and are not looking for any Category 2 purchases for next year. Category 2 provides discounts on our networking equipment and things like battery backups on the network gear. The budget is on a cycle that ends in 2030. We generally like to wait until near the end of the funding cycle to make sure we are getting the most up-to-date equipment possible.
- New computers for 8th graders will be rolling out fairly soon. Students will be able to purchase their old computers with parent permission. These will be the devices that will follow these students through to graduation. I've been very impressed with the overall level of care that our students exercise with their devices, much of which I think relates to the sense of ownership they have with the same computer assigned to them each year. We will likely purchase replacement devices for several other grade levels later in the year based on the elementary grades with the oldest current devices.

UPCOMING PROJECTS/CONSIDERATIONS

- We are still waiting for carryover funds from last fiscal year to be posted by the state to our grant system interface for the CLSD grant. Once we know what the final dollar figure is we can finalize plans. The program is well underway utilizing the base grant funding for this year.
- There are new Mac Mini devices rolling out into classrooms to be associated with the classroom interactive board. The boards still function very well as interactive displays, but are getting old in terms of being a

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computer that can keep up with demands. The Mac mini provides an enormous computing upgrade, and are being set up in such a way that they work like an enormous touch display for the computer. Not only does this save a great deal of money vs. updating the entire board, but it also greatly reduces e-waste created.

- There will be a small number of staff device updates happening this year, with a focus on replacing the oldest devices.

Technology Refresh Cycle

The following list includes the major technology equipment refresh items. There are additional annual costs in subscriptions, consultants, and miscellaneous equipment. Where possible and appropriate, a portion of these costs can be incorporated into grants and one time funding opportunities. This is being provided for informational purposes. There are no related actions or requests at this time.

Item	Years between	Cost for refresh	Annualized cost	Notes
90 Chromebooks per year $450 each	1	$40,500.00	$40,500.00	Replacements for 3 grade levels/year
Staff Devices	5	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	Mix of device types based on employee needs.
Interactive Classroom Board expansions	5	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	Replacing only the associated computer for as long as the board itself remains viable.
Network and battery refresh via ERate	5	$35,000.00	$7,000.00	Listed cost is our portion after ERate
Copiers	7	$70,000.00	$10,000.00	Cost and life expectancy is an estimate. We have just finished a copier refresh.
Averaged cost per year for major item refresh cycle. Actual annual cost will be much bumpier, with some years having very large costs, and others relatively small costs.				$67,500.00