

Waterloo Community Unit School District No. 5
Director of Technology

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TO: Mr. Charron, Superintendent
Waterloo School District Board of Education

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Technology Board Report

The Technology Department is actively preparing for upcoming state assessments. This includes updating and refreshing all testing devices, clearing systems to ensure readiness, and completing mid-year infrastructure and software updates to maintain a secure, stable, and compliant testing environment. In addition, the department participated in a College Board webinar to stay informed on updates to SAT digital testing requirements.

On December 16, the Technology Department successfully supported and live-streamed the Kindergarten Christmas programs, ensuring reliable audio-visual and network performance for families and community members.

In preparation for the summer months, the department has begun gathering vendor quotes for the annual technology systems refresh. Planned areas of review include student Chromebooks, servers, security camera systems, wireless access points, and routine technology maintenance to support continued instructional and operational needs.

As part of ongoing cybersecurity awareness efforts, the department conducted its third staff phishing simulation to reinforce best practices and identify areas for continued training. Additionally, the department participated in a webinar focused on updates to cybersecurity compliance requirements and the emerging impact of artificial intelligence in K–12 environments.