



# The Power of Another Tool

Impact of Telecommunications Waiver



# Outline of Presentation

- o History of Project

- o Current Findings

- o Future Actions/Recommendations

# Schools Participating

- o Ballard High School—Jim Jury
- o duPont Manual High School—Gerald Mayes
- o Fairdale High School—Brad Weston
- o Iroquois High School—Chris Perkins
- o Seneca High School – Kimberly Harbolt
- o Southern High School—Bryce Hibbard
- o Waggener High School—Katy Zeitz
- o Valley High School – Rob Stephenson

# Schools Participating

## ◊ Spring Adopters

◊ Doss High School – Ken Moeller

◊ Moore High School – Vicki Lete

◊ Pleasure Ridge Park High School – Kim Salyer

# History

- Data Collection
- Recommendations
  - Guided Exposure
  - Structure/Guidelines for use
  - Broader Implementation



# Current Findings

- Walk-throughs conducted
- 498 Classrooms Visited
- Median Classrooms per School = 40
- Range was 19 to 81 Classrooms per School
- Observations Occurred October 2013-April 2014

# Current Findings

## Teacher Use of Technology

Cell Phones (n = 3)	0%	1%
Computer (n = 269)	51%	54%
Tablet (n = 9)	2%	2%
Not Using Network Accessible Devices (n = 53)	13%	10%
None Observed (n = 164)	34%	33%



# Current Findings

## ◦ Student Use of Technology

Cell Phones (n = 36)	4%	7%
Computers (n = 28)	5%	6%
Tablet (n = 10)	2%	2%
Not Using Network Accessible Device (n = 103)	25%	20%
None Observed (n = 321)	64%	65%

# Current Findings

- Approximately 4% of participating teachers attended districtwide PD
  - School-based PD provided as an alternative
- Decrease in teacher support (-13%) from fall (56%) to spring (43%)
- Most students (92%) expressed that cell phones can support their learning
- Overall belief that cell phone waiver positively reduced referrals from fall (27%) to spring (32%)

# Future Actions/Recommendations

- o Principals and Staff will recommit to professional learning to support the waiver
- o Principals suggested identifying a smaller subset of interested teachers that participate in the pilot

# Future Actions/Recommendations

- o Assign Computer Education Support Staff Lead to work and follow-up specifically with identified team at each school (principal suggestion)
- o For future waivers, ask schools to complete PD first. After PD has been completed, then approve the waiver.

# Requests

We are requesting an extension of the telecommunications waiver for nine of the schools currently participating in the pilot program for the 2014-15 school year.

We are also requesting an approval of the telecommunications waiver for  
Brown High School for the  
2014-15 school year.

