

Gallatin County Schools Technology Report

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- I am continuing to work on erate applications. Our funding amounts are on a 5 year cycle. This is the 5th year. If we do not use the funds, we will lose them. Our erate discount is 85% which means the district is only responsible for 15% of the cost. The high school was upgraded in 2016. The middle school and upper elementary applications for upgrades were in 2017. The middle school was approved however the Upper Elementary still under review. I have spoken with Scott Kane, the KDE erate consultant, about why the review is taking so long. USAC, the federal agency that handles erate, has contracted new reviewers. This change has prolonged the review process. Scott and I have come up with a plan to address this. The erate applications I am working on now are for the Lower Elementary. eRate funds will pay for networking infrastructure such as switches, cabling, access points, battery back ups, switch racks.
- I have met with the architect and software company regarding the locking system. We are in the process of setting up the virtual machine for the software. We are also ordering the "foundation items" for the locking system that are not part of the facilities plan such as software, access cards and hubs. The goal is to have all of this in place so that we are ready for the hardware install.
- I have completed a second walk through with the engineer and architect regarding security camera placement
- We have started our training for online registration. We have a team of 12 participating in this training. We have completed 5 sessions out of 7. We will use the online registration for Kindergarten registration in May. We continue to work through this process. We have had a change in staff so we will need to train the new member of our team
- The Kentucky Society for Technology Education held its annual conference in Louisville this past week. A group of 10 staff members including Library Media Specialists, STEM teachers and other teacher leaders attended this conference. They have a lot of ideas, resources and new knowledge to share with their staff.