

Board Report

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KySTE Conference

March is the month of this conference. With Covid, it went virtual. I have had the opportunity to attend one Microsoft conference with another conference slated later this month.

Technology Plans

It is that time again to start our tech planning. I have reached out to building principals for two nominations each. Our team will then start the tech planning as KDE requires.

In-School/Virtual

We continue to see broken devices. There was a slight up-tick of students returning to school. I am working with multiple vendors to find the best pricing for replacement parts.

Networking

This was our first true test of our network. I am pleased to say that our network has done well in supporting all of the 1-1 devices that we have for students and staff! I am looking to upgrade our wireless network to make sure that we continue to have a positive experience.

Password Policy

I have pushed the 15 character password requirement to all staff, across the district. The new KETS password policy requires a 15 character passphrase that needs a password change every 180 days. Just another layer of security for our staff/students and our network.

Telephone System

I am working with Cincinnati Bell to upgrade our telephone system. There are two federal laws that we are required to follow: The Kari's Law (various ways to make a 911 call) and the Baum Act (exact location where 911 was dialed). We are in compliance with Kari's Law. We are needing an upgrade for the Baum Act.