**Board Report**   
*February 2023*

Jim Seward, Director of Technology

**Erate Funding**

The 2023 federal Erate filing window is now open and will remain open through February. This is the time for school districts to submit funding requests for the 23-24 school year. I will be working to secure funding for the internet service on the fiber that runs from the high school to the Ben Flora gymnasium. I will be starting to look to replace our ‘backbone’ during the next Erate window. This will include all switches and routers in our data closets.

**Summer Planning**

With continuing supply chain issues affecting the world, especially in the technology arena, we are starting the process of ordering devices earlier this year. Our goal is to have devices in hand before summer. This will allow us to configure devices and be ready for the 23/24 school year.

**Walkie Talkie**

I am working with Mrs. Middleton to secure new radios for our entire district. This will allow for better coverage (entire city of Bellevue), more secure communications through licensed FCC channels, and better equipment to enhance this project.