

IT Systems Administrator Report

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We are in the middle of state testing right now, and planning for summer projects and next year's budget.

1. The electronic door access system installed last summer is up and running, and the exterior locks have been changed to prevent unauthorized access. We have been working with the vendor that installed the system to fix a couple minor issues.
2. The wireless network bridge connection to the island school installed last summer has been somewhat unstable. The vendor that did the installation suggested issues with the existing antenna. We will be working with a third party vendor to inspect and assess the tower to see if it needs additional work. Once we know the tower is solid, we will work to improve the signal. In the meantime, the island is using DSL internet service from Norvado, which has been up and running since late last year.
3. The statewide BadgerNet network upgrade is scheduled for April 23rd. The internet bandwidth for the school will increase from 100 Mbps to 1 Gbps.
4. More Chromebooks are being deployed throughout the building. They are currently in use for Forward testing and will start being used in classrooms when that is complete. Chromebooks will be replacing the Apple laptops in classrooms throughout the district. Chromebooks have a shorter lifespan than the Apple laptops, but significant cost savings and ease of management will offset that.
5. Summer projects are in the planning stages right now. Expected projects include adding some security cameras around the school and updating our data backup system. Standard equipment refresh projects will include student mobile carts, Business Ed computers, the network file server, and a few classroom interactive projector systems.

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