IT Systems Administrator Report
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E-rate applications, state data uploads, District communications, and state testing are keeping the IT department busy this time of year.

1. We are in the process of implementing the new state data collection system, WISEdata. With this new system, student data is automatically uploaded to the state, rather than submitting the various reports. We have been working with our student information system vendor and the state DPI to clear up a few minor errors with the system.
2. Internet service was restored to the island school on Monday, December 12th. They lost internet service November 30th, due to a problem with the wireless bridge between the island school and the main school. The District is applying for federal E-rate Category 2 funding to restore and upgrade the wireless bridge.
3. The updated District website is up and running. The next phase is to add content to the "Gallery" section of the website, and to work with our vendor to implement an app for mobile devices that will work with the website and better communicate with students, parents, community members, and staff.
4. We are still planning to increase internet bandwidth to the school, but we are waiting for the details to be worked out with BadgerNet, the Department of Administration, and AT&T. The new contract will result in greater bandwidth that is subsidized, resulting in lower costs for the District. Our current internet service provider is working with the state's vendor (AT&T) to become an approved vendor to continue providing internet service to the District.
5. The digital signs have a new, more vibrant look to them. Thanks to Keeley and Lucy for creating the new graphics elements now featured on the signs.
6. We are working on the next round of purchases of new equipment for the District. We will be refreshing some teacher laptops, adding document cameras to classrooms, and possibly adding more Chromebooks.
7. We are beginning preparations for state testing and other assessments that will take place this spring.

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