Agenda Item Details

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It has been a while since my last report, since August 2020. At that time, we were still assessing damage from the lightning strikes to the building. Since then, I have replaced a lot of damaged equipment on our network. The core network switch that serves as the main hub of our network needed to have most of its power and networking modules replaced. A number of other network modules and switches needed replacement due to the damage. In addition to the network switches, I also needed to replace a number of network security cameras, door access controllers, and some parts of our paging system. To my knowledge, everything is now working.

The global pandemic continues to increase demand for many technology items used for distance learning, while also affecting global production, supply chains, and distribution. This has created some challenges in keeping up with the new demands of distance learning. We've been ordering extra Chromebooks in particular to keep up with our students' needs.

We added a new technology position this year, the Technology Implementation Specialist, which was filled by Stevie Matier. Stevie has been busy with a number of tasks. He has been training teachers on using some of our technology tools for distance learning, he has been getting training on Infinite Campus, he has been training with me on some of the day-to-day tasks to help me out, and he has been working with DPI and internet providers to help families in our district get connected to high speed internet. He has also initiated a tech support hotline for students, parents, and staff to call him for tech help, and he has been holding weekly open office hours for staff to remotely connect for training and support. As we move forward, we hope to have more training resources available for staff, and to move forward on projects related to data security and privacy.

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