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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Members of the School Board
Keith Jacobus, Superintendent

FROM: Robert Berkowitz, Director of Technology

DATE: August 10, 2016

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Technology Update

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Strategic Objective #5

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Information

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: August, 18, 2016

REPORT

The summer is quickly coming to an end and we are excited to start a new school year. The technology department has been busy again this summer completing the transition of Valley Crossing information system to District 833 standards. This included the replacement of networking and wireless systems.

Close to 1500 chrome book laptop devices have been added across the district and a large number of the iPads purchased in 2013 have been refreshed with updated devices.

After several years of focus on infrastructure and adding enough devices across the district to allow access, we are very excited to shift our focus to effective use of technology to enhance deeper student learning. Joni Quintavalle will be joining the technology team as our elementary technology integrationist for the 2016-17 school year. Joni will work closely with Ed Harkness to lead the technology coaches in our schools as we work with our teaching staff to understand and implement effective learning using technology.

The efforts of the T3 pilot will now extend to every school in District 833 as we transition to Personalization of Learning through Technology. Personalization of Learning through Technology (PLT) is a key component in the district's strategic plan to personalize learning for all. This work began in 2013 with a five school 1:1 device pilot and continued with the rapid addition of devices district wide each additional year. District 833 is committed to maintaining a reliable network infrastructure and diverse technology availability in all schools. Through personalization of learning and the effective use of technology, all learners will gain critical 21st century skills in a supported learning environment.

Personalization of Learning through Technology will enhance the student's ability to think critically, be creative, utilize multiple means of communication, and collaborate within our district and globally. Students will gain the skills to be competitive in any career or college path they choose. District 833 students will be respectful, aware, and safe digital citizens as they interact globally through technology.