

Technology in Schools

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Technology Implemented

- 931 Laptops in High School - Students & Teachers
- 61 Laptops in Middle School - Teachers. Laptops or I-pads for 8th Graders in Fall '10.
- 100 Laptops and 2 carts in Intermediate School - Teachers
- 1092 total laptop computers for Teachers & Students grades 5 - 12.

Funding Technology

- General Fund - \$200,000 up-front, \$250,000 over 4 years
- Vision 2020 Grant - \$500,000
- Grants - T3, Collaborative School Coop - \$295,000
- Imperative for sustainability.

Positives

- Electronic Text and Homework Help (Demonstration)
- Carry less books.
- It's the only future.

Pitfalls

- Reliance on Windows-based software & Internet Explorer. State and Publishers should support all platforms.
 - Teacher Acceptance and Training
 - High Speed/High Density Internet
 - 32 make a class set?
 - 50/50 share of the savings.
 - Same cost for books & disk? (60% savings on typical e-book.)
 - Improved communication links.
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Future

- Overall, HB 4294 is a good idea, but with poor implementation.
- We need to be able to sustain a computer initiative.
- E-text for all books by 2020 (or sooner).
- Deemphasis of textbooks in the future.
- Move textbook money to Technology. Ex: \$224
- Alternative electronic devices, like I-pads/Netbooks.
- Kids think and learn differently; it's a new world!

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Referenced Websites

- Apple I-pads - www.apple.com
- TCAT Info (TEA Update) - <http://tcat.org/2009TCATSESSIONS.htm>
- PBS Frontline - <http://video.pbs.org/video/1402987791/>
- Whose Learning is it - <http://www.guide2digitalllearning.com>