

Arapahoe-Holbrook Public Schools
Superintendent Report to Board of Education
Jan. 8, 2024

Technology

1. Chromebooks & Mimio Boards - We will get quotes from Computer Hardware on purchases for our next round of Chromebooks and at least 2 more Mimio Boards. The Chromebooks are part of our yearly rotation that keeps devices in our students' hands with no secondary machine older than 3 years and no elementary machine older than 5 years.

Link to Device Chart: [Student Device Rotations/Updates Chart](#)

Legislation

2. Legislative Session (60 day) Began Jan 3 - There are already a number of new bills introduced that have direct or indirect impacts on PK-12 education in Nebraska. Here's some notes on a few of those:
 - a. LB841 - Admin School Engagement - Requires school administrators to record/document "engagement activities" with students that must equal or exceed 15% of their work time during the school year - detailed report from districts to NDE each year
 - b. LB855 - Lunch Debts - Districts can't use Debt Collection Agencies to recover negative lunch balances / can't charge interest or fees on lunch debts
 - c. LB862 - School Transportation - Schools shall report any fees assessed to patrons for regular transportation services of students who do not qualify for free transportation under mileage requirements.
 - d. LB899 - OSS for K-2 Students - Law passed last year will not apply to Class III schools (meaning only LPS and OPS are restricted from using OSS with K,1,2 students)
 - e. LB939 - My Student, My Choice - Ave cost-per-pupil in NE will be used to create fund that will provide \$ to students/parents/households of those going to private schools each year. Individual accounts for students will be developed, monitored and tracked for those that apply.
 - f. LB962 - Map Projections - Schools may not use a Mercator projection map unless showing how all maps are flawed and how different maps may affect individual views of the world.
 - g. LB964 - SpEd Teacher Loan Forgiveness - Requirements to teach in NE for 5 years to have some loans forgiven

Other

1. Rule 10 Visit - Our Rule 10 visit was postponed in December due to the death of our staff member. Mike Williams (former Bertrand Prin & Arcadia Supt) will be performing the check during late Jan or early Feb.
2. Evacuation Drill - We will plan to have another Evacuation Drill in the Spring (when weather is more hospitable) to examine the logistics of yet another site. The focus on this drill will be our bussing patterns required. The site is TBA.
3. Board Leadership - There are no new board members to install at the January 2024 meeting, so we will not have many, if any, changes in positions. Our Policy mentions establishing leadership positions and committee membership at the January meeting each year, so we will confirm the status quo at the January meeting.
4. Board Training/Development - Two options are available for Wed. Feb. 8
 - a. Jan 31 - ESU Hot Topics Session @ JB's in Holdrege - meal with KSB presenting current legal info impacting school operation - Social Hour begins at 5:30 with the meal at 6:00 and the presentation to follow - All ESU 11 schools are invited.
 - b. March 14 & 15 - NRCSA Spring Conference @ Kearney - <https://www.nrca.net/events/spring-conference>