

Arapahoe-Holbrook Public Schools
Superintendent Report to Board of Education
February 12, 2024

Technology

1. Elem Updates (MimioScreen/iPads/Chromebooks) - We are targeting a few more SmartBoards for replacement with MimioScreens. This will be in a purchase package including the next round of Chromebooks to keep us on our schedule with secondary students having machines that are no more than 3 years old and a few lower elementary grades having 4 or 5 year old machines. As the machines age out, we will likely offer them for purchase in the same manner that the district did with MacBooks previously. When Mr. Stagemeyer has pricing for those updates (few weeks from now), we'll convene the Technology Committee to plan for our next purchase(s). Our expectation for this year's purchase is that our federal REAP funds will cover the full amount.
2. Additional Video Camera - We are awaiting the opening of a Safety/Security Grant from NDE that should be available for us to purchase the needed elements to have camera views on our playground area that work better than that coming off the northeast corner of the building. We have a bid for that equipment (provided back in November), but will consider our options before going with our current camera vendor. ESU 11 has ideas that maybe less expensive and less invasive for installation due to the enhanced WiFi network access points we now have outside the building.

Legislation

1. Unicameral Action - To keep information as current as possible, I will have a handout with some summaries of legislative bills that we are watching. There are over 100 bills that have direct impacts on public education, some of which are directed specifically towards our programming, financial management and staffing. Not all the bills are bad, but there are some that could cause significant stress to our district.

Other

1. Perceptual Surveys - The perceptual surveys were opened for parents-guardians/students/staff on January 11 and are set to close February 11. The response numbers have again been very good! The surveys were developed by NDE a number of years ago, and will continue to be available for Nebraska schools. Each of the group surveys cover the same basic concepts about climate, programming and practices, but in slightly different wording for the separate groups (Elem Students / Secondary Students / Parents-Guardians / Support Staff / Certified Staff). In addition to the sub-groups, I'd like to begin aggregating the data to give a broad picture of all of our AHPS Family in one group. The data will also be compared to last year's info to see if we find any trends (concerns or commendations). This is all critical to our School Improvement Process, so the records will continue to build each year.
2. Admin-Board Training/Development -
 - a. Feb 20 - NRCSA Legislative Forum @ Cornhusker in Lincoln 8:20am - 1:45pm - Presentations by senators and the possibility of eating lunch with Senator Murman from our own District 38.
 - b. March 14 & 15 - NRCSA Spring Conference @ Kearney - <https://www.nrca.net/events/spring-conference>