



This Week in MIS & Technology



Looking toward the future, I see more technology not less in our classrooms. We're working on changes that mean technology growth in both quality and quantity. Don't expect that growth to be at a rocket pace. We're at the point in Okaloosa County School District where growth causes a ripple effect: more computers = more software = more bandwidth. Schools want more computers, but more computers mean changes in infrastructure that most don't want to pay for. Let's face it infrastructure isn't the easiest thing to raise money for. Bake sales for network switches won't sell a lot of cookies. Just keep in mind that growth isn't always painless. Sometimes we tell folks to wait to grow so that the infrastructure can catch up to where they are now. It wouldn't be fun to purchase a lot of laptops and have them not be able to connect to the internet. Eric Mitchell

Data Analysis

We are working on Student Learning Objects (SLO) for the 2014 teacher evaluation performance scores. We are working on the 2012-2014 IB data analysis. Also, we are working on a heat index stress chart.

Seat Management

We are still deploying assets to school sites and will continue to do so with purpose and brevity. If you are at a school and have not received your asset, please notify your principal. The principal should contact me to check on why you do not have a machine. We know that technology helps drive your classroom and want to ensure everyone that we are there for you. On that note, the helpdesk continues to receive a large volume of calls. Please be patient as you may have to experience a longer than normal wait this time of the school year. My recommendation to everyone is to email OCSDHD@L-3com.com to request support.

MIS

This week we continued to assist schools with scheduling. Class Size Trials will begin in just a few weeks. If you need assistance with your schedules, please call.

Data corrections for Surveys 4 and 8 have been submitted. The progressing monitoring and reporting network (PMRN) roster should be available soon. We have also reported Survey 6 to DOE which provides an initial enrollment projection. We are working with Programming Services to make changes for WDIS adult survey reporting for SY 2015.

Mobile Learning

Mobile Learning is aware of issues with Curriculum laptops connecting to the wireless network. We have pinpointed the issue and are scheduling times to correct the problem. The update requires about 5 - 6 hours a lab cart (15 laptops). Our goal is to have a repair schedule by next week and start the updates during that week. We are also continuing to deploy and refresh iPads as quickly as possible.

Data Processing

FIC cards will be sent to schools in preparation for next week's dispersal. With the scattering of these cards goes one of the most important funding streams found in Okaloosa County School District, so our hope is that as many cards as possible make their way back to Finance! Next week schools will receive their FIC verification, FIC school category, and exceptional/local verification lists, so it's important to return the original signed and/or dated sheets to Finance with the school FIC cards by October 27th.