

Board Approves Final Phase of Elementary Equity Technology Plan

The board of school directors approved the final phase of the elementary equity technology plan at its March 23rd meeting.

In a presentation to the school board, Mrs. Christine Wolgemuth, director of technology services, shared that the equity plan is in place to address the inequity in technology between the elementary buildings and to meet the needs for a 21st century learning environment. There are many advantages to having technology in an educational setting as outlined below:

- promotes an increase in writing skills
- promotes a better understanding of math and science
- better engagement and motivation
- greater problem solving and critical thinking
- better instructional materials
- better communication and interaction
- application of real world skills

“The total for the final phase of the Elementary Equity plan equals \$231,686.99. Buildings included are Lurgan, Scotland, Benjamin Chambers and Stevens. This is the third year of the plan which will provide a SMART solution to increase interactivity, differentiation and engagement. We will purchase five iPads for each primary grade (K-2) with the focus being on reading and math. This will allow the teachers to create focus centers and provide supplemental and enrichment activities,” Mrs. Wolgemuth explained.

Mrs. Wolgemuth noted that elementary buildings previously outfitted with equipment were Buchanan, Hamilton Heights, Falling Spring, Guilford Hills, Grandview, South Hamilton and Fayetteville.