Cuba Schools IT Newsletter

Current Events

Cuba Schools had our first Technology Meeting of the school year on November 1, 2017. Thank you to the 14 Staff Members who attended the Technology Meeting that lasted from 3:45 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.

Staff and teachers provided input regarding a 1 to 1 rollout district wide initiative. 1 to 1 means each student would be issued a device that can be utilized at school and/or at home. During the discussion, staff decided that devices such as Chromebooks could be utilized best if the devices were kept as a resource within the classroom. High School and Middle School Staff agreed that additional computer labs are needed. High School Staff advocated removing 25 computers from classrooms for IT to create an additional lab.

It was suggested that E-rate dollars be utilized in our next application to upgrade our Wi-Fi infrastructure to be able to handle a 1 to 1 scenario.

The next Technology Meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2017, 3:45 p.m. at the Technology Office Conference Rm.

Did you know??

Cuba Schools IT Department is continuously working on our computer replacement program. As software demands increase, computers become slower and slower to the point that it is time-consuming just to complete simple tasks like opening up a webpage. Rather than replacing machines on a set time cycle, we replace them according to software demands.

What happens to the removed computers?

Once the old faithful computers can no longer be upgraded and the hardware can no longer support the software demands, old faithful gets put into storage and gets added to the fixed assets removal list. While computers are in storage and awaiting NMPED approval for inventory removal, they are used for parts to repair other computers when possible. By the time the computers are picked up for recycling, Cuba Schools has essentially gotten every dollar out of these computers.

Fun Fact

In 2015-16 school year, 214 computers and 4 printers were replaced as part of the fixed assets and recycling program. More interesting in 2016-17 school year, more than 50 computers were retired and replaced. Obviously, computers needing to be recycled are stored until enough are collected for a shipment (usually at least 100 machines).