Technology Coordinator
Report to the Pittsville School District Board of Education
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State Testing – The spring AIMSWEB & DLM Assessment testing programs are underway, and all appears to be working OK. Forward Exam testing will start in April. The Forward Exam server and all desktop computers and Chromebooks are ready to go at the elementary school. ACT Aspire testing at the high school will start at the end of April. I still have to setup the testing server and Chromebooks for that one.

Chromebook Refresh – This summer we will be looking at purchasing up to 150 Chromebooks to replace older Dell Chromebooks that are reaching their end of life. Additionally I would like to provide Chromebooks on carts for the 1st & 2nd grades. My goal is to eliminate the last remaining Windows desktop computers that are still being used in 1st & 2nd grade classrooms.

Computer Labs – With the expanding use of Chromebooks across our district, I am looking at the eventual elimination of our 4 computer labs. After discussions with Dr. Porter and the teachers who are still using desktop Windows computers, notably for business classes and for the AutoCad (Autodesk) design program, I believe we can eliminate one lab at the high school this summer. Similarly, we will also be able to cut down to just one lab at the elementary school. If at some point we can purchase updated laptops for those classes at the high school that still need Windows based programs we can remove the last lab at the high school, and next year we should also be able to eliminate the remaining lab at the elementary school, repurposing those rooms for other uses. The computers we will be removing from service are 7 and 8 year old models that cannot be updated to Windows 10, and with Microsoft ending support for Windows 7 next January, we need to be removing Windows 7 computers from service anyway.

ADA Compliant Web Page – Working with Siteimprove, the program we have subscribe to for checking our web site for errors and for reporting on ADA compliance issues, I have been instructing Trayson Ortner, my Youth Apprenticeship Intern, on how to make changes to our web site to bring it into compliance with the ADA law. We will be working on this throughout the rest of the school year.