



Brookings School District

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RE: Technology Administrative Report

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As we move into May, the Brookings Technology Department remains dedicated to supporting both staff and students across the Brookings School District. It's hard to believe we're already approaching the final month of the school year. This is a particularly busy period for our team as we wrap up the current academic year and begin preparing for summer tasks and the year ahead. We continue to address any issues staff may have through our ticket system, assisting with a wide range of needs. With the growing reliance on technology and the rising number of devices in use, this has been one of our busiest years to date. Below is a snapshot of some of the ongoing and upcoming projects we're working on. I also will include the summer projects we will be working on.

1. Summer Projects

- a. Install new 2nd grade laptops
- b. Install new Wi-Fi infrastructure at Camelot
- c. Install new network switches across the district
- d. Transition Admin Building to a new domain
- e. Return BHS Lease student laptops to Lenovo
- f. Receive new BHS Lease student laptops and get them ready for next school year
- g. User Account Security Updates
- h. Re-image 5th and 8th grade laptops
- i. Take inventory of all 1:1 devices across all the buildings
- j. Re-visit technology handbook policies across the district
- k. Install new tablets for KG
- l. Implement new interactive boards at various buildings
- m. Install new tricaster at Dakota Prairie

- n. Continuing Windows 11 upgrades
- o. Replacing Smart Board desktops at Dakota Prairie

2. **Multi-Factor Authentication** – The K12 Data Center has implemented MFA for all staff members across the state of SD starting in October of 2025. The K12 Data Center is the entity that runs and manages all K12 emails, google drives, and other programs across the state of South Dakota. We have already started the process of implementing MFA for our staff. We have already transitioned our admin, secretaries, tech staff, and counselors to MFA. Now we are starting to do it for the teachers and other staff. We met with all Hillcrest staff members last Wednesday to get MFA set up for them on their K12 accounts. It went very well, and we are going to replicate that at the other schools. Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) is a security process that requires users to verify their identity using two or more methods before gaining access to an account or system. Typically, it combines something you know (like a password) with something you have (like a phone or authentication app) or something you are (like a fingerprint). This added layer of protection helps prevent unauthorized access, even if a password is stolen.