



IT Services



Sphero cars getting all charged up!

Technology Integration and Support Questionnaire

At the end of May, a comprehensive survey was sent to all district staff to garner feedback regarding a variety of aspects related to technology in the district. The survey asks for feedback regarding staff attitudes about technology in the classroom, student technology use, tech support, tech integration and more. The responses will help us understand staff's experiences with technology in all aspects of the district operation. We'll use the insights to improve tech support, resources, and professional development opportunities to ensure a smooth and successful learning environment for both teachers and students.

This survey will be issued annually so the data can be used to track the success of tech department and tech integration initiatives



CoSN Membership

METDA has become an official CoSN (Consortium for School Networking) Chapter and is working with MDOE to financially back membership for all Maine districts to become member districts. CoSN is the leading national association dedicated to advancing effective use of technology in K-12 education.

Through our affiliation with CoSN, we have access to a wide array of resources including toolkits around common technology related issues (cybersecurity, data privacy, interoperability, etc.), white papers, resource guides around budgeting and project management and networking opportunities.

[View the CoSN Press Release here](#)

Summer Tech Institute

AT MT. BLUE
2024



The Summer Tech Institute is on again this year and getting bigger! We are pleased to announce that RSU 78 and MSAD 58 will be joining us at the Mt. Blue Campus to make this a collaborative, two day event.

It will have over 30 sessions presented by teachers and staff from all three districts. Plans are underway to have food trucks available for lunch and an amazing prize table for participants and of course, free swag!

The list of sessions is still being developed but will include a number of AI related topics and iPad integration.

The dates for this year's Institute are
August 14th and 15th!

[Check out the event website for more information](#)

Cybersecurity Updates



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- AP upgrades over the summer will allow us to better segment our wireless networks to separate traffic
- Enabling Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) on staff email accounts to better protect against compromised credentials (this is a common result of successful phishing campaigns)
- Installing endpoint protection software on all staff and windows devices
- Automated patch management - i.e. "my Chrome keeps updating"

Device Refresh Update

Orders have been placed with Apple for our new grade 6 through 12 iPad fleet as well as our MLTI order to replace the 5th grade iPads throughout the district. We are expecting to take delivery on both orders this month which will give the tech team time to get all of the devices inventoried and configured for student rollout in the first few days of school. While we wait for those devices to be delivered, the crew will be working on prepping the current MacBook Airs for pickup by the third party reseller that is purchasing the old equipment from us.



Actual students using an iPad - Not AI generated