

## January Technology Board Report

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### **Desktop Systems**

Our Food Service Point of Sale system failed last month, and it has been replaced. This is a fairly insignificant change to the business process; but did involve a lot of effort both internally and with the software vendor to make the swap.

We have again inquired about Apple computers for our Art and Design lab. Our main consideration is on the learning potentials between the two platforms. From this investigation we have identified some very creative ideas of how to deliver technology service to an art/multimedia classroom that reach beyond the MAC-vs-PC differences. We hope we can create improvements to technology services from these creative ideas regardless of the platform decisions.

### **Network and Server Systems**

Discussions continued this month between several districts regarding IPTV (live broadcasting across computer networks) and other multimedia delivery services in our districts. We feel there is potential in utilizing the RWAN to expand and share this type of service. The IU5/IMTS has converted the majority of their content to digital delivery on the RWAN. Given the IU's existing investments for this digital delivery we are hoping that content beyond the current catalog of the IMTS can be easily accommodated. This could include locally authored content both in the learning realm; and beyond it; in addition to live broadcasting .

### **Other Business**

At this month's RTSG on the request of the Superintendents, discussion began regarding the potential for including our peer technology staff from neighboring school districts into our disaster recovery plans. It was of course identified and discussed that there are large challenges with this approach to both human resource and technology risks in a technology center. We expect the discussions will continue, that opportunities will be identified, and the landscape of technology across the region in educational technology will become better realized.