

### **Desktop Systems**

We have ordered 17 Apple iMac computers for the Art and Design program to ensure alignment with a recently updated Program of Study outline developed by PDE. We intend to test with these systems to ensure we have anticipated all of the circumstances that surround Apples functioning in a Windows dominated environment over the next few weeks, and expect to implement these systems during our summer projects period.

We have updated the Electrical Engineering classroom software with Rockwell Automation's latest version. Historically, specialized software in the classroom has been mostly limited to the traditional computer labs like Graphics, Networking and Drafting. However, as other industries continue to capitalize on the benefits of computer software over specialized equipment, there are complexities that are introduced to our computer systems for these programs in our building. Installing software, and ensuring it is working correctly with the external machines or components it is designed to interface with are two completely different tasks. A successful deployment requires the talents of both the technology specialists, and the industry specific specialists. I would like to thank **Dom Bonitatibus**, our adult RCTC instructor for Electrical Engineering, and **Don Hofmeister**, our High School Electrical Engineering instructor for investing their time to help ensure a successful software deployment.

### **Network and Server Systems**

We have replaced a Wireless Access Point in the Skills Center after receiving some reports from our RCI program that things were not working right.

### **Staff Development**

We provided initial training on the use of VisualThesaurus.com so that the faculty has an opportunity to identify how it may be valuable to their curriculum before the start of next school year. We intend to explore the facets of this graphical thesaurus and collaborate on how to integrate it with curriculum.

### **Technology Staff**

We have begun interviewing for a Substitute Technology Technician. I am hopeful we will have a candidate selected by Board Meeting. We are hopeful we will also have some candidates selected for Summer help out of this process as well.