

Berlin-Boylston Public Schools

To: Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee

From: Paul Mara
Technology Coordinator

Date: 09/26/23

Re: Technology Report

1. Fiber Grant Update -

June 15 – Received notice from Town of Boylston that they had been awarded \$335,000 Municipal Fiber Grant

August 24 – Grant discussion call with Town of Boylston officials and Site Visit with Phoenix Communications at Tahanto Regional

August 30 – Bid proposals received

September 6 – Kickoff call with Town of Boylston, Boylston Light, Phoenix Comm. And School Department

September 19 – Site walk for all fiber termination locations with Phoenix Comm. and their subcontractors, Mr. Mecum and myself.

Next steps: Phoenix submit pole drawings for approval. Phoenix acquiring any licensing needed for pole space to complete the project.

Installation of section between intersection of Rt. 140 and Rt. 70 to Boylston Elementary School expected to begin soon after approval of pole drawings.

2. Capital Funding –

As you know there were a number of technology related capital requests. The following is an update on the progress of those requests:

Student Devices – 260 Chromebooks were purchased and configured in July and August. 60 Student Laptops for Tahanto were purchased and configured in July and August. The Superintendent has had communications with the Fuller Foundation who indicated they would still be willing to match some of these funds, but the timeline would be at the beginning of the next calendar year.

Copiers – New copiers were installed in each school in June and completed in August due to power limitations at Tahanto and Boylston Elementary. In August additional work was done to install PaperCut software along with HID card readers to allow for tracking of color printing costs. This work was completed on September 19 when new card readers were installed to handle the variety of swipe cards currently used across the District.

3-D Printer - Worked with Mr. Eierman from Tahanto to get quotes for the proper printer and support materials. PO approved on Sept. 13. Waiting on install date.

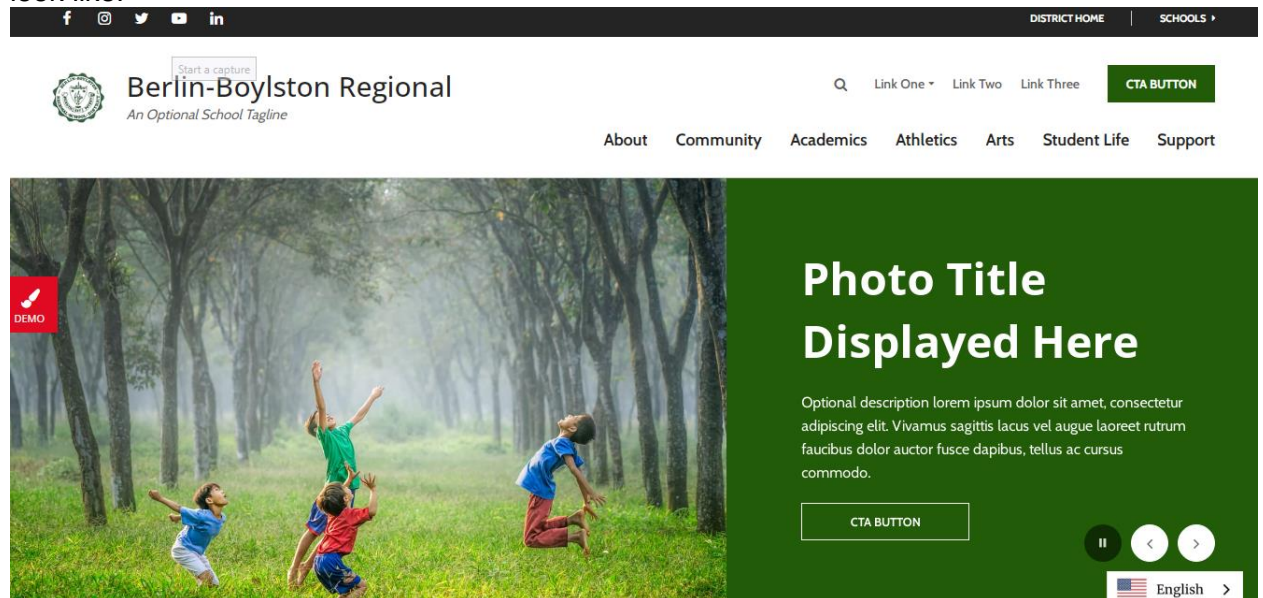
Central Office Phone System - Purchased in late August and configured and installed on August 28.

Security Camera System – I am currently in the process of gathering sample Requests for Proposals so as to write a solid proposal for this camera system. I will then post the RFP and run any walkthroughs needed. I want to emphasize this is a large project and that I am purposefully taking the time to create a solid RFP so the school gets the equipment and support that is needed.

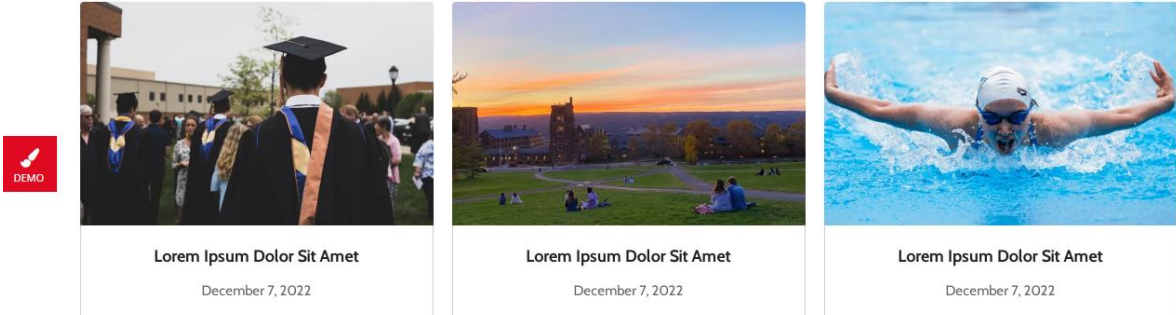
Network Upgrades – We are beginning our network upgrades at Tahanto over the next few weeks. We will begin with re-wiring two of the four network closets. Some of this work is waiting upon the next e-rate cycle, which begins in October, in order to maximize the amount of work we can do given the amount of funds we have to work with.

3. New Website Update –

September 15 – final template decisions made by Superintendent and Admin team
Couple Screen Shots – this is only off their Demo site – not what the final product will look like:



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Current projection is still near the beginning of November for the site to be ready for us to edit and get ready to go live. The existing site will stay operational until we cut over.

4. Electronic On-line Forms –

At the start of the school year we were able to run our first E-Collect form trial at Tahanto Middle/High. We created a “Student Consent” form that combined numerous sign-offs that were part of the start of school each year. This included the Handbook Sign-off, School Messenger updates, medication forms, video release and a few others. Here are a couple screen shots of the info on the form. First is the forms section in the Parent Portal and the second shows a part of that “Student Consent” for our example student Minnie.

Forms

bbrsd.powerschool.com/guardian/forms.html?sharetype=school&tabSel=school&ismobile=

Welcome, Paul Mara Help Sign Out

Navigation

- Grades and Attendance
- Grade History
- Attendance History
- Teacher Comments
- Forms**
- School Bulletin
- Class Registration
- Account Preferences
- Access Logs
- Demographic Change

School Form Listing for Mouse, Minnie Sue

Your preferences haven't been configured.

To configure if and how you'll receive notifications for forms, please use the button below to set your preferences.

General Forms Class Forms Student Support

Search forms...

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Student Consent Forms

Guardians and Contacts Empty

Legend

Icons - Form Empty - Form Approved / Populated - Form Not Approved - Form Rejected

Tahanto Photo and Video Permission Form 2023 to 2024

Occasionally students at Tahanto regional middle high school are interviewed videotaped or have their photos taken during the school day. Parent permission is required for the school to release this material to the media for use outside of our school pictures and video tapes may also be used within the school and on the school website.

Select a Choice

☐ Yes

☐ No

Parental Permission for OTC Standing Medication Orders 2023-2024

There are times when your child may come to the nurses office with a headache, upset stomach, allergies, or pain from orthodontics, sports injuries or menstrual cramps. With written permission from a parent/guardian, your child may receive over-the-counter medication to relieve their symptoms and allow them to have a successful school day without having to get an order from their primary care physician.

Our school physician, John Solomonides MD, has provided standing orders and protocols for the medication listed below. If you would like your child to receive any of these medications at school please indicate your preference below and sign your consent. No medication will be dispensed if your child exhibits a fever or signs of an illness or condition that warrants physician assessment and/or dismissal from school. Other pain relief methods such as ice/hot packs, relaxation and breathing techniques and hydration/snack will be used before medication is offered.

My child has permission to receive the medication as checked below. I understand this medication will only be given after the nurse has made an assessment and determined it is appropriate and necessary.

☐ Ibuprofen, 200-400 MG (pain relief) Benadryl, 25 MG (itching/rash)

☐ Throat lozenge (sore throat/cough) Acetaminophen, 325-650 MG (pain relief)

☐ Hydrocortisone, 1 (minor rashes/bites)

☐ Zyrtec, 10 MG (allergies)

☐ Antibiotic ointment (minor cuts/abrasions)

☐ Tums, 2-4 tablets (upset stomach) Caladryl lotion (minor skin irritations)

☐ Benadryl, 25mg (hives/rash/mild allergies)

☐ Acetaminophen, 325mg-650m (pain relief)

☐ Loratadine, 25 (allergy symptoms)

We started at Tahanto as many parents already had access to PowerSchool so we would be able to test with the largest group. Moving forward we will be sending information and instructions to all parents on how to access their parent PowerSchool account so we may begin to push most of our form/data collection to E-Collect forms in PowerSchool. We will have people available to help get people signed up during parent conference days/evenings as well. In October PowerSchool is going to present to the administrative team an additional module around the registration/enrollment process.