

Technology Department Report April 2026

Since the last Board Report, the Technology Department has been active in assisting projects such as:

- Stacy Fisher SUBMITTED NO REPORT.
- Liane Kamp has been working on PowerSchool configurations, in addition to the templates used to upload Skyward data in to PowerSchool. She has done this with The Rural Schools' data successfully.
- Patrick Tucker SUBMITTED NO REPORT.
- Ben Fox completed the MI Virtual training for Testing Technology Coordinator role in administering the SAT. In similar preparation, he verified the readiness of the MSTEP stesing servers for ICISD and The Rural Schools. He also discovered a potential link between our secure desktop software and reported slow computer performance.
- Robert Silvernail SUBMITTED NO REPORT.
- John has been participating in the PowerSchool trainings for the local districts so that he and Liane can better respond to the questions and concerns that arise in the migration process. He has also been helping with the technology support for the PI-OHI conference being hosted at ICISD on Monday April 20, 2026, which will entail speaker systems and wireless network changes.

The Student Information System (SIS) Change

As trainings with the local districts continue, we are now at the stage of being able to test and import Skyward data into the PowerSchool server environments. This next step should provide to each district an understanding of where there may be issues with their district's existing data. Liane and John continue to participate in these. The "super admin" training has one remaining session scheduled for Monday April 20, 2026.

Flat River Academy has expressed concern about the timing and costs of the migration and had stated a desire to stay with Skyward. John began preparing the changes in the invoicing through PowerSchool since one less district would be involved. He was also starting the search for an option that Flat River Academy could utilize to host their Skyward installation.

Security Enhancements

Spring Break saw the installation of our new door security system (formerly EPS Security) at Freedom Acres and 601 E. Washington. The "retrofit" option that utilizes the existing wiring in a facility has been the game changer for this project, otherwise new wiring would have been required for each door. The costs for that would have made such a migration cost-prohibitive.

The additional surveillance camera installations have been slightly delayed due to poor weather conditions (exterior cameras), but still planned for this spring. The cameras are part of the same "ecosystem" that our new door access system runs on, in addition to our wireless network. Currently Ben and John are contemplating moving our wired network switches to the same product.