

**PROSPECT HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 23**  
**DISTRICT 23 BUILDINGS & SITES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025  
GRODSKY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
700 N SCHOENBECK RD  
PROSPECT HEIGHTS, IL 60070 at 8:00 AM

*Engage ALL students in experiences that inspire EACH to grow as learners, individuals, and community members.*

**AGENDA**

I. Call to Order

II. Discussion Items

A. Discussion of Summer 2025 Work

B. Food Service RFP Award

The RFP Process has been completed and the recommendation is awaiting ISBE's approval. It is anticipated that there will be approval and a recommendation for award at the May BOE meeting. Amy will provide an update at the meeting on the potential for equipment and service changes in the new school year.

C. Summer - Technology Priorities

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There are three technology projects that have been included in the FY2026 budget that will be brought to the Board for approval. The projects include cabling replacements, a phone server replacement and the replacement of the Informacast Emergency Notification system. An overview of these projects has been attached for review.

D. Ross-Sullivan Garden Update

Amy will provide an update on the Ross/Sullivan Garden that is targeted for installation this summer.

E. Patriot & Carousel Park - Land Swap Agreement Update

Amy will provide an update on the land swap with the Arlington Heights Park District.

III. Adjournment

**DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS**

- **Student Success:** Ensure ALL students are well rounded and emotionally and academically prepared for success in high school.
- **Teaching, Learning, and Innovation:** Encourage a learning environment that emphasizes excellence and retains high quality staff.
- **Family and Community Partnership:** Actively engage and communicate with all families to foster collaborative relationships that benefit student learning and understanding of district priorities.
- **Facilities & Financial Planning:** Advance effective use of resources to support safe, learner ready facilities and to maximize student learning.



**PROSPECT HEIGHTS DISTRICT 23  
FINANCE AND BUILDINGS & SITES COMMITTEES  
INFORMATION ITEM**

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**Date:** April 25, 2025

**Title:** 2025-26 Technology Priorities

**Contact:** Amy McPartlin, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations  
Chris Alms, Director of Technology

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The following items represent the largest Technology priorities in the FY26 Budget. These items will require some summer work so they are being brought to the Committees for review:

**Cabling Replacements - Approximate Cost for MacArthur and Grodsky: \$155,000**

The integrity of our cabling runs, after our last big upgrade, thought to be around the time of the geothermal work, and years of other work with and around the cables, is declining. While the move to newer cable will help with bandwidth speeds, the much more pressing issue is the integrity of the existing cable as it ages. The routing and bundling of the cabling has been compromised over years of projects and construction. This project is E-Rate eligible, albeit we will still use all our Category 2 E-Rate funding with future cabling work, including: our firewall renewal, needed UPS updates, and yearly managed internal broadband service (MIBS) payments. The cost to run new cabling, clear out old cabling, and make the drops in each space consistent is \$155,000. In talking with our partners at Low Voltage Solutions (LVS), we know this will only get more expensive, with LVS saying potential increases could be between 5 and 10 percent in subsequent years.

**Phone Server Replacement - Approximate Total FY26 Cost: \$74,028**

As part of our network roadmapping with Empist, when looking at safety and minimizing operation disruptions, one of the identified items is moving our phone system to being cloud hosted. This upgrade is a project for us now as one piece of support expires and another expires in two fiscal years.

This past fall, the service support expired for the platform for our calling system, and this requires an upgrade regardless of our move to the cloud or staying with an on-prem server. The support for our current physical phone server expires in February of 2028; however, as the server ages, there is an increased likelihood of service calls and issues that could occur. As part of our roadmapping with Empist and having a goal of moving services to the cloud and off prem, we believe this summer is the best time to make this move. No part of this is currently E-Rate eligible. The cost for FY 26 is \$74,028, with subsequent years costing \$17,759 for our yearly licensing subscription cost. By moving to the

cloud, we also bypass the one-time cost of having to upgrade just the platform for our calling system, as that would be moot with the move to the cloud.

**Informacast Emergency Notification System - Approximate Total Cost: \$15,700**

It is time to renew our Informacast emergency notifications; they allow for emergency alerts to phones across the district. If we move to the cloud for our phone system, we would need to also upgrade our Informacast products. Like the phone server, the current licensing model we have is on a finite timeline; end of support seems to be either FY 27 or FY 28. No part of this is currently E-Rate eligible. By upgrading this service now, we can expand our emergency alert system as we look at greater district safety processes. The cost for FY 26 is \$15,700, with subsequent yearly licensing subscription costs being \$3,804.

This document serves as an overview of current Technology priorities and as required, will be brought to the Board for review and approval.