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Technology continues to move the District and Town forward on many avenues. After many years of unofficial joint services, the Town and School have come together to create a unified Technology Department for the Town of Weston. The Weston Technology Department combines staff, purchasing, planning, and support services together to allow unified management, maintenance, and oversight of all systems. In order to accomplish this goal, the budget request includes an additional 1.0 FTE for a break/fix technician to ensure that there are adequate resources to respond to the needs of both the schools and Town. In consideration of these services, the Board anticipates that the Town will supplement the overall expense of these operations at \$45,000. This budget also reflects the reduction of 1.00 FTE for a Data Technician, which will save the district \$53,954 annually. A companion piece to this reduction is increased responsibilities for the district's Data Specialist at a cost of \$5,000.

The expanded use of technology and software as tools for learning and productivity through wired and wireless networks puts high demand on our current infrastructure and creates increased reliance on the Weston Technology Team. Therefore, the 2015-2016 budget request addresses hardware, software, support and staffing needs for all stakeholders.

The budget request allows us to replace a significant portion of our aging mobile fleet through the technology lease. Mobile devices have become prevalent throughout the district and enable our students and educators to access critical tools and resources. Due to the increased use of mobile devices and personal devices, we have experienced some localized building-based infrastructure limitations. The limitations are addressed in the budget request via the introduction of new equipment or the replacement of devices that have reached or exceeded their expected deployment period. It must be noted that due to the restructuring of the federal government's e-rate program, the budget reflects an increase of \$21,930 to offset the grant reduction.

Software products enable us to meet the District's instructional, curricular and data management needs. The increase in our software request line is primarily due to the need for additional software to manage and store student data securely, accurately and efficiently. The technology budget presentation will detail these requests and the importance of relying on software to minimize the need for manual intervention. In addition, software enables users to access content and resources from inside and outside the District thereby extending utilization after the building closes.

The 2015-16 budget request will change the staffing and delivery model for Educational Technology in Weston by embedding Digital Learning within the Curriculum through the position of the Director of Technology. Digital Learning is based in curricular needs, access to equipment and software systems to facilitate collaboration, distance learning, and blended learning. To facilitate the instructional and learning needs of the District we expanded the duties and responsibilities of the Director of Technology. As a result of this change, the district's Network Administrator's role will be expanded to include additional duties previously performed by the Director. This restructuring of resources will facilitate a more cohesive and interconnected educational experience across grade levels, buildings, and the District while facilitating new instructional avenues and opportunities.

In summary, the technology budget request for the 2015-2016 year enables the team to continue providing robust instructional opportunities for students, replace aging infrastructure, and expand the wireless and virtual footprint in a fiscally responsible manner for all Weston stakeholders.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES STAFFING

2014-2015 Actual		2015-201	6 Projected
Staff	Program	Staff	Change
	CERTIFIED STAFF		
1.00	Technology Integrators (K-8)	0.00	-1.00
0.30	Technology Champions - WHS	0.00	-0.30
0.00	Technology Integrators - HES	0.25	0.25
0.00	Technology Integrators - WIS	0.50	0.50
0.00	Technology Integrators - WMS	0.50	0.50
0.00	Technology Integrators - WHS	0.75	0.75
1.30	TOTAL CERTIFIED STAFF	2.00	0.70
	NON-CERTIFIED STAFF		
	Administration		
1.00	Director of Technology	1.00	0.00
	& Digital Learning & Innovation		
	Clerical		
0.25	Administrative Assistant	0.25	0.00
	Technical Support Staff		
2.00	Network Administration	2.00	0.00
2.00	Technical Support*	3.00	1.00
	Data Specialist		
1.00	Student Administration	1.00	0.00
1.00	Student Instructional	0.00	-1.00
7.25	TOTAL NON-CERTIFIED STAFF	7.25	0.00
8.55	TOTAL STAFF	9.25	0.70

^{*}Note: the district anticipates sharing equally one additional FTE for technical support with the Town.

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	2012 Expended	2013 Expended	2014 Expended	2015 Budget	2015 Expected	2016 Approved	Differ. to Expected
REVENUE: Joint Services	0	0	0	0	0	45,000	45,000
OBJECT BUDGET SUMMARY						p±	
I. Salaries							
Technology Integrators	208,481	112,370	115,732	124,304	123,361	160,998	37,637
TOTAL CERTIFIED	208,481	112,370	115,732	124,304	123,361	160,998	37,637
Dir. Tech. & Digital Learning	117,475	119,531	126,922	121,922	141,922	160,000	18,078
Technical Support Staff*	180,802	173,513	181,905	211,297	229,737	294,750	65,013
Data Specialist*	0	94,586	98,518	128,954	128,954	80,000	-48,954
Clerical*	13,148	15,277	16,121	16,121	16,484	16,484	
Summer Work	7,648	13,408	1,080	6,942	6,120	6,120	
TOTAL NON-CERTIFIED	319,073	416,315	424,546	485,236	523,217	557,354	34,137
TOTAL SALARIES	527,554	528,685	540,278	609,540	646,578	718,352	71,774
II. Non-Salary Objects							
Professional Tech. Services	93,665	84,204	62,341	66,820	66,820	52,350	-14,470
Equipment Repairs	3,289	3,454	13,056	13,000	15,000	15,000	o
Equipment Leases	317,400	368,795	373,130	410,864	399,274	372,001	-27,273
Communications	7,945	29,400	23,400	23,400	23,400	36,500	13,100
Reimbursable Expenses	1,347	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0
Materials	46,484	32,022	33,557	27,025	27,025	27,250	225
Software	209,533	219,089	294,228	271,593	275,093	342,985	67,892
Equipment	21,923	59,201	0	0	0	0	0
Dues & Fees	0	65	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NON-SALARY	701,586	799,230	802,712	815,702	809,612	849,086	39,474
TOTAL BUDGET	1,229,140	1,327,915	1,342,990	1,425,242	1,456,190	1,522,438	66,248
% Over FY 2015 Budget	6.82%			% Over FY	2015 Exp	ected	4.55%

Comparison of FY 2015 Expected to Budget & Comparison of FY 2016 Approved to FY 2015 Budget

	FY 2	015			-
	 -	Differ. to	2015	2016	Differ. to
	Expected	Budget	Budget	Approved	Budget
Non-Salary Objects					
Professional Tech. Services	66,820	0	66,820	52,350	-14,470
Equipment Repairs	15,000	2,000	13,000	15,000	2,000
Equipment Leases	399,274	-11,590	410,864	372,001	-38,863
Communications	23,400	0	23,400	36,500	
Reimbursable Expenses	3,000	0	3,000	3,000	0
Materials	27,025	0	27,025	27,250	225
Software	275,093	3,500	271,593	342,985	71,392
TOTAL NON-SALARY	809,612	-6,090	815,702	849,086	33,384
Percent Change		-0.78%			4.09%

^{*}Note: The Director of Technology, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Technology, which is shared with the Directors of Finance and Operations and Facilities, and two Network Administrators are not represented by a collective bargaining group. See the note on page 99.

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Key Budget Facts

Enrollment	
Projected 2015-16	2,404
Change - 10/1/14	(18)

Staffing	
Certified F.T.E.	2.00
Non-Certified F.T.E.	<u>7.25</u>
Total	9.25

Why Did the Budget Change?

Object Description	Reasons For Budget Changes	Differ. to Expected	Percent Change
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Revenue-Joint Services	Provide technology support services for the Town-1st year	45,000	
Tech. Integrator	Contractual general wage increase	1,044	
	Technology integration restructuring:	15 600	
	Assign .25 FTE to Hurlbutt Elementary School	15,622	
	Assign .50 FTE to Weston Intermediate School Assign .50 FTE to Weston Middle School	31,243	
	Assign .75 FTE to Weston Windle School	31,243	
	Eliminate 1.00 FTE for K - Grade 8	46,865 -62,486	
	Eliminate .30 FTE Tech. Champions at Weston High School		
	Eliminate .50 FTE Tech. Champions at Weston Fight School	<u>-25,894</u> 37,637	
Dir. of Tech. & Digital	Expand the duties and responsibilities of this position to	18,078	
Learning	include the integration of technology in teaching and learning	10,070	
Technical Support	2.00 FTE network administrators are non-represented-TBD*		
Staff	2.00 FTE break/fix technicians are represented by AFSCME -		
Stari	contractual GWI is pending negotiations		
	Contractual step increase	692	
	Increase 1.00 FTE break/fix technician position	48,964	
	Reclassify 1.00 network administrator-added responsibilities	15,357	
	the state of the state and the state of the	65,013	28.30%
Data Specialist	Student administrative data specialist is non-represented-TBD	05,015	20.50%
*	Reclassify student administrative data specialist-added	5,000	
	responsibilities	2,000	
	Eliminate 1.00 FTE student instructional data specialist	<u>-53,954</u>	
	•	-48,954	-37.96%
Clerical	Non-represented staff salary increase TBD*	a Villania	
Non-Cert. Summer	General wage increase		W & CONTRACTOR
Prof. Tech. Services	Anticipated increase in the cost of services	530	
	Change network backup protocols for 2nd referendum reduct.	-15,000	
		-14,470	-21.66%
Equipment Repairs	No change	0	0.00%
Equipment Leases	See details below, program & needs based	-27,273	-6.83%
Communications	Reduction in e-rate grant based on federal restructuring	13,100	55.98%
Reimbursable Exp.	No change	0	0.00%
Materials	Adjusted for CPI increase	225	0.83%
Software	Add School Net software, replaces inform	23,500	THE PARTY OF THE P
	Increases in existing instructional and admin./operating	13,562	
	InfoSnap software license for student administration	14,500	
	Increased cost of website and loss of e-rate (grant restruct.)	8,830	
	Add Edvision, graphical interface for NWEA data	4,000	
	New adobe software for WHS art program	3,500	
		67,892	24.68%
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Object Description	Reasons For Budget Changes	Differ. to Expected	Percent Change
Equipment	All equipment requests are reflected under equipment lease	0	0.00%
Dues & Fees	No request	0	0.00%

SELECT ACCOUNT DETAILS

Professional Technical Services:		Software & Licenses - Instructional (continue	d):
Management & Maintenance of the follow	•	Weston Middle School:	
Server Monitoring/Support	18,600	Naviance - Success Plans	2,026
Printers	11,250	Noteflight	1,900
VMWare	7,200	Brain Pop - Science	1,495
Web-based Systems	4,800	GoAnimate - Library	1,000
E-Rate	4,500	PowToon - Library	1,000
Macintosh	2,400	Quaver music	1,000
Wireless Network	2,400	Project Lead the Way - Technology	750
Switches	1,200	CultureGrams - Social Studies	735
		Glogster - English/LA	621
Total Professional Technical Services	52,350	History Alive	613
		Starwalk Media - Science	500
Software & Licenses:		MathXL	375
Instructional:		Britannica - Library	365
Hurlbutt Elementary School:		Fountas & Pinnell - Library	325
Dreambox - Web Based Math Program	6,500	Standards - Library	325
PebbleGo - Reading	995	Lexial - Library	325
Brain Pop Jr - Science	875	Dreambox - Math	250
Reading A to Z	720	AnimotoPro - Art	249
TumbleBooks - Library	499	Music Delta	199
World Almanac Kids Online - Library	499	Geography Alive	180
Culture Games - Kids Edition - Library	498	SmartMusic	140
World Book Online - Library	438	Food Works Nutrition Software - Health	<u>55</u>
Mailbox Companion - Library	396	Total Weston Middle School	14,428
MARC Wizard - Library	299		,
StarFall/More Starfall - Math	270	Weston High School:	
Raz Kids	210	Tandberg - Language Lab	7,186
Edublog Pro - Writing	200	Adobe CC - Art	3,500
Starclass Hybrid - Math	133	Project Lead the Way - Technology	3,000
Enchanted Learning - Reading	125	Naviance - College Applications	2,600
Fountas & Pinnell - Library	105	FASTMAP - Social Studies	2,199
Music Ace Maestro	100	Turnitin (iParadigms) - Library	1,960
Biography for Beginners - Library	99	CIM Bundle - Technology	1,910
Exploring Nature - Science	<u>50</u>	Imapping & Social Explorer - Social Stds.	1,500
Total Hurlbutt Elementary School	13,011	Math XL	750
·	•	Design Science (Math Type) - Math	205
Weston Intermediate School:		Smart Music	140
Dream Box - Web Based Math Program	6,500	MapInfo - Social Explorer - Social Stds.	100
Reading A to Z	1,400	Total Weston High School	25,050
Brain Pop Jr - Science	500		25,050
Fountas & Pinnell - Library	200	Special Education:	
Edublog Pro - Writing	200	Lexia - Reading and Writing	3,440
Smart Music	<u>130</u>	Type To Learn 4	200
Total Weston Intermediate School	8,930	Allowance for Instructional Software	4,500
	,	Total Special Education	8,140
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Software & Licenses - Instructional (continued):

SELECT ACCOUNT DETAILS

District-Wide:

Discovery Education	3,900
Library Resource Management	6,722
Discovery Video	6,805
Voice Thread - K-8	2,500
Typing Pal - K-8	1,800
Quaver Music - K-5	1,600
K-8 iPad software for Smartboards	750
Noodle Tools - K-12	454
Total District-Wide	24,531

Total Instructiona	ll Software & Licenses	94,090



Administrative:

School Net	33,000
District Website - Final Site	27,000
Student Information System - PowerSchool	22,650
Financial Management Software - MUNIS	20,734
Student Intervention and Performance Database - InfoSnap	14,500
Special Education Student Educational Plan Software - IEP Direct	12,365
Automated Substitute Staff System - CRS Advanced Subfinder	8,750
Curriculum Mapping Software - Atlas Rubicon	7,500
District version of Code Red - School Messenger	4,508
Edvision, graphical interface for NWEA data	4,000
Facility Use Management - Vermont Systems RecTrac	3,280
Transportation/Bus Routing Software - Transfinder	2,500
IT Helpdesk Support Software - Kaseya	2,360
Facilities and IT Work Order System - School Dude	1,900
On-line Employment Application System - AppliTrack	1,300
Energy Consumption Tracking Software - Energy CAP	1,195
Student Medical Database for Nurses - SNAP	1,125
Asset Tracking Inventory System - Strategic Systems	499
Data Collection Software Tool - Survey Monkey	239



Total Administrative Software & Licenses

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Operating Systems:

Microsoft Office and Server Software	19,800
Virtual Server Software	18,500
Virtual Desktop Software for BYOD	16,700
Email Archive Software - Postini	8,000
Backup Software	5,750
Aruba Annual Licenses - Wireless Management	5,620
Software allows Macs work to with Microsoft - ExtremeZ-IP	2,100
Web 2.0 Software for Curriculum Pilots	1,520
Internet Antivirus Software - BotNet Filter	1,500



Total Administrative Software & Licenses	79,490

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SELECT ACCOUNT DETAILS

Equipment Purchasing Plan for Lease:

	# of Units	Unit \$	Extended	School/Loc	
Chromebooks	630	345	217,350	District	
WYSE Units	24	550	13,200	WIS	
WYSE Units	4	550	2,200	HS Lang Lab	
WYSE Units	25	550	13,750	HES	
Monitors	50	225	11,250	District	
Brocade Core - 6650, Licenses & Module Updates	1	15,000	15,000	District	
MAC Lab Update - 4GB Memory	32	150	4,800	HS B6 & B7 Lab	
MAC Lab Update - Videography	16	1,500	24,000	HS	
MAC Lab Update	25	679	16,975	MS	
Smartboard Replacements	20	1,500	30,000	District	
Projector Replacements	25	500	12,500	District	
Vmware Server	1	48,000	48,000	District	
Laptop Replacement	18	1,000	18,000	District	
Docking Stations	10	135	1,350	District	
Server Rack	1	2,000	2,000	District	
Hitachi Hard Drives	10	1,200	12,000	District	
Aruba Controller	1	11,500	11,500	District	
Aruba Access Points	15	455	6,825	MS	
Aruba Access Point Software	15	65	975	MS	
Allerton Equipment/Software Upgrade	1	19,400	19,400	District	
Total Cost of Equipment to be Leased			481,075		
Leases:					
Year 1 of 4 Year Lease for Equipment Listed Above		125,400			
Year 2 of 4 Year Lease	91,896				
Year 3 of 4 on Existing Lease	101,137				
Year 4 of 4 on Existing Lease	53,568				
Total Equipment Leases	372,001				



