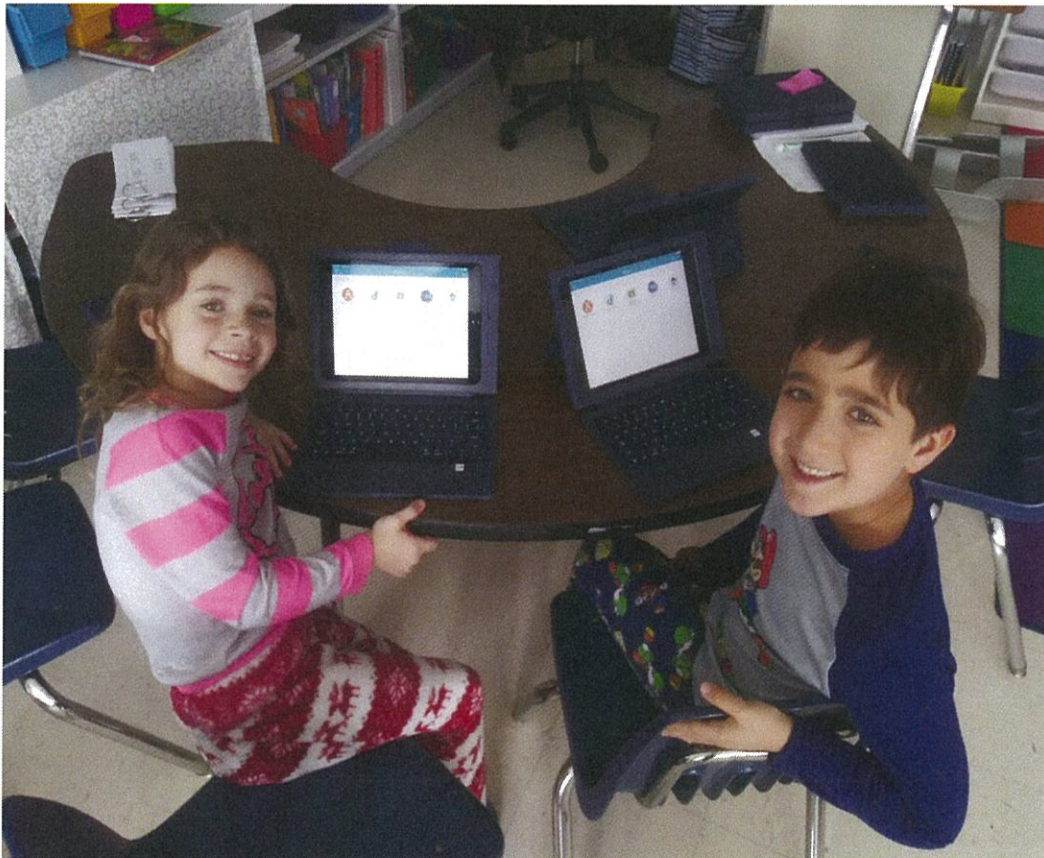




Digital Learning & Technology



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DIGITAL LEARNING & TECHNOLOGY

The continued use of digital learning and data to support student development and growth requires careful review and management of all resources. A thorough review of the digital learning and technology budget has allowed us to present a budget that meets the goals of the district while reducing expenses. The Weston Technology Team is organized to ensure efficient and effective support for all end-users. Our end-users include the Weston Public Schools staff and students as well as the Weston Police Department and Town of Weston through the oversight of various Information Technology contractors. The 2020-2021 budget request addresses hardware, software, support, and professional development, for all stakeholders.

Software products enable us to meet the district's curricular, instructional and data management needs. The Leadership Team along with the Curriculum Instruction Leaders reviewed all software licenses for depth of usage, instructional impact, and quality. We also continue to take into consideration compliance with Connecticut Public Act 16-189 (the state law mandating certain policies and practices to protect student privacy).

We continue to build on the district's digital learning and technology plan. Our focus areas include:

- Replacement of the laptops used by district staff to ensure that the technology is current, available and has the appropriate specifications to support the needs of the district's instructional technology use.
- Establishing a replacement cycle of student Chromebooks to ensure that the devices that students are using are kept current with the most recent software versions to allow the devices to be safe and secure as well as be used for high stakes testing.
- Maintaining or redesigning processes and structures to take advantage of the power of technology to improve efficiencies.
- Continued use of contracted services instead of full time employees to support our network infrastructure.
- Continuing to enhance the use of Digital Tools to support engaging, connected learning experiences.
- In partnership with the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, ensure all educators are prepared and supported in their efforts to teach learners to be global ready citizens and to connect learners to technology resources.
- Providing technology tools for formative and summative assessments.
- Continuing support of our current infrastructure, devices and systems that are used by students and staff.
- Continued partnership with the Town of Weston to produce Town wide efficiencies that support all entities through merged services.
- Continuing to provide exemplarily Information Technology (IT) support for both hardware and software for all stakeholders'.

In summary, although a reduced budget request, the proposed FY 21 digital learning and technology budget enables the Weston Technology Team to continue providing robust instructional opportunities for students, as well as replace aging infrastructure and computer hardware in a fiscally responsible manner for all Weston stakeholders.

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STAFFING

2019-2020 Actual			Program	2020-2021 Projected			
Operating Budget FTE	Other Sources FTE	Total FTE		Operating Budget FTE	Other Sources FTE	Total FTE	Change
1.0	0.0	1.0	Administration Director of Technology & Digital Learning & Innovation	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
1.0	0.0	1.0	Technical Support Staff IT Manager	0.0	0.0	0.0	(1.0)
0.0	0.0	0.0	Systems Administrator	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.0	0.0	4.0	Technical Support	4.0	0.0	4.0	0.0
1.0	0.0	1.0	Data Specialist District Data Coordinator	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
1.0	0.0	1.0	District Data Technician	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
8.0	0.0	8.0	TOTAL NON-CERTIFIED STAFF	7.0	0.0	7.0	(1.0)