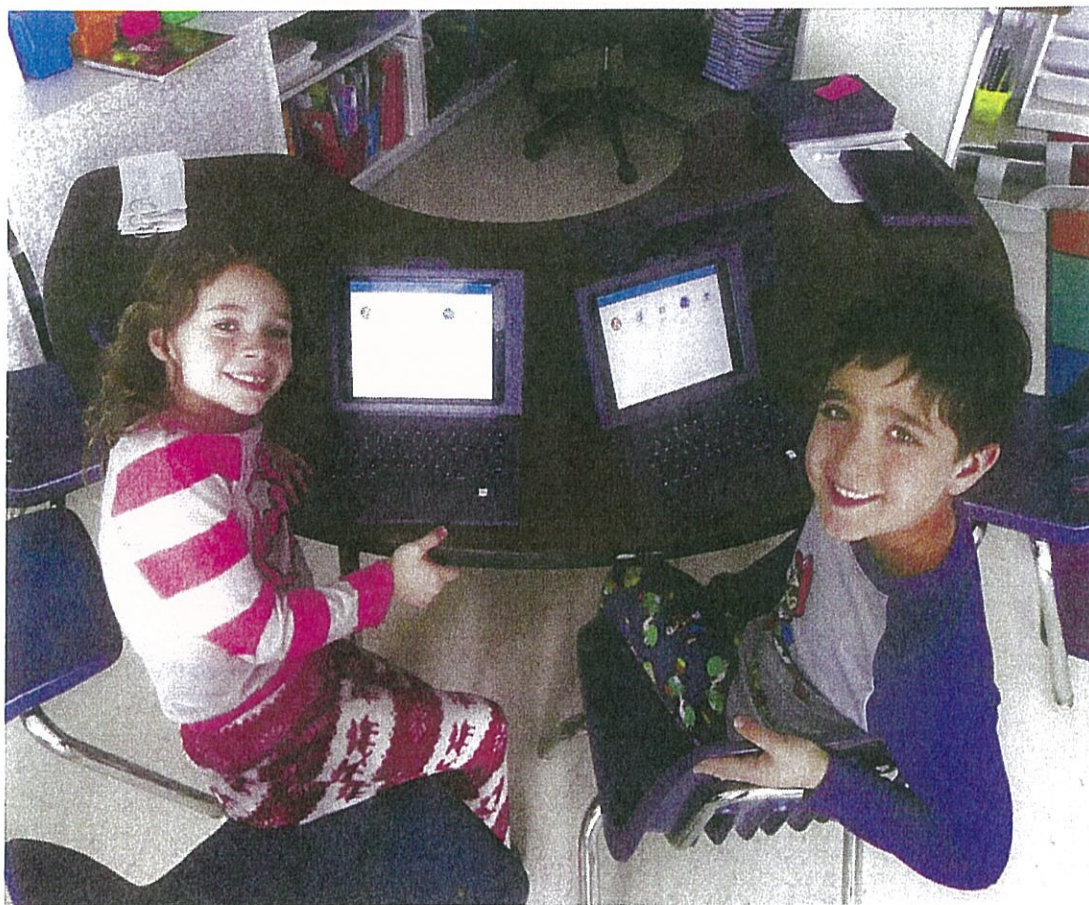# Digital Learning & Technology

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DIGITAL LEARNING & TECHNOLOGY

The expanded 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 without increasing expenses. While there is greater reliance on the Weston Technology Team, we are organizing personnel and work demands to ensure efficient and effective support for all end-users. The 2019-2020 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 Administrative team along with the Curriculum Instruction Leaders reviewed all software licenses for depth of usage, instructional impact, and quality. We have also taken 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:

- Reallocation of resources to provide additional needed services in a more efficient way allowing for budget and staffing reductions.
- Considerations for using contracted services instead of full time employees to support our network infrastructure.
- 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.
- Continuing to enhance the use of Digital Tools to support engaging, connected learning experiences.
- Ensuring all educators are prepared and supported in their efforts to teach learners to be global ready citizens and to connect their learners to technology resources.
- Providing technology tools for formative and summative assessments.
- Extending implementation of the Learning Management System (LMS) – Canvas.
- Continuing support of our current infrastructure, devices and systems that are used by students and staff.
- Creating appropriate solutions to ensure redundancy and continuity of service and expand the district's ability to adequately backup the data on the network.
- Maintaining or redesigning processes and structures to take advantage of the power of technology to improve learning outcomes, while maintaining efficiencies.

In summary, although a "no growth budget request," the proposed FY 20 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

Operating Budget FTE	Other Sources FTE	Total FTE	Program	Operating Budget FTE	Other Sources FTE	Total FTE	Change
			2018-2019 Actual		**2019-2020 Projected**		
			Administration				
1.00	0.00	1.00	Director of Technology & Digital Learning & Innovation	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
			Clerical				
1.00	0.00	1.00	Administrative Assistant	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1.00
			Technical Support Staff				
1.00	0.00	1.00	IT Manager	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
1.00	0.00	1.00	Systems Administrator	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1.00
4.00	0.00	4.00	Technical Support	4.00	0.00	4.00	0.00
			Data Specialist				
1.00	0.00	1.00	District Data Coordinator	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	District Data Technician	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
9.00	**0.00**	**9.00**	**TOTAL NON-CERTIFIED STAFF**	**8.00**	**0.00**	**8.00**	**-1.00**