## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

(BSEP Measure A, Resource 0862)

**OVERVIEW: FY 2014-15** 

## **Purpose**

Providing and maintaining computers and technology in schools.<sup>1</sup>

**Budget Manager: Jay Nitschke, Director of Technology** 

**Certificated Salaries & Stipends** 

TSA for Instructional Technology 0.50 FTE<sup>2</sup>

• Tech Teacher Leader Stipends

**Classified Salaries** 

Computer Technicians 6.2 FTE
Student Systems Specialist 0.6 FTE<sup>3</sup>
Director of Technology 0.2 FTE<sup>4</sup>

**Employee Benefits** 

**Materials and Supplies** 

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**Services and Other Operating Expenses** 

**Indirect Costs** 

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**Fund Balance** 

Beginning: \$93,719 Ending: 67,658 Decrease: \$26,061

## RESOURCE SUMMARY

Currently, the amount of money available for technology is quite low (~\$8/student). The cost of staffing support for technology requires most of the BSEP resource. Fortunately, there have been additional one-time funds that have provided Chromebooks (FY13-14, 14-15), LCD projectors, and document cameras (14-15). However, leading up to the new BSEP measure, the amount allocated to technology needs will need to be re-examined to keep up with the demands for infrastructure, equipment, staffing and professional development.

## **STATUS REPORT**

Technology in the hands of teachers and students is critical to teaching and learning and meeting district instructional goals. BSEP funds are the only funds that provide schools with staff to keep technology working. Technicians' tasks include supporting teachers and staff by keeping computers and other technology up-to-date and operational, to help integrate technology with the curriculum, to support teachers in using PowerSchool and Illuminate, and to help technology committees and School Governance Councils make decisions about technology needs and purchases. In 2014-15, tech staffing continued from 2013-14, with a few small exceptions.

Until the passage of the Measure I facilities bond in November 2010, there were no district monies outside of BSEP for the purchase of network infrastructure and other technology. Measure I has provided funds for installing wireless throughout the district. Currently, Measure I provides \$250,000 per year to improve district tech infrastructure. In 2014-15, the majority of that money was used to expand the wifi network.

The district working group known as DigiTech continued to meld Technology staff, Library staff, and the Instructional Tech Teachers on Special Assignment (TSAs) to focus on integrating technology into the regular school day through using technology.

From the BSEP Technology budget perspective, the funding of stipends for Tech Teacher Leaders (TTLs) at each school starting in second semester was the largest change in the Technology program in 2014-15. One teacher from each K-8 school and a group of three from the high schools met monthly with the Digitech team and worked at their sites to improve the use of technology in classrooms.

Digitech and TTLs, in concert with school techs provided by BSEP, significantly furthered the use of technology in classrooms as well as provided the means for the district to perform well on

the the SBA (Smarter Balanced Assessments) in all classrooms grades 3-8 and grade 11 at BHS and BTA.	
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