

### **Classroom Equipment**

In addition to expanding the number of teachers in the Digital Tools Study Group who are evaluating systems such as Google for Education and Microsoft Office 365, all teachers and staff were given the opportunity to answer a survey providing information on their current classroom technology and comments on their needs and goals. The technology and instruction departments are evaluating this information in preparation for pilots during the 2016-17 school year.

### **High School Language Labs**

Staff from Groves and Seaholm evaluated multiple language lab systems over the past year and have been using the evaluation system from Sanako for the past semester. The system was used for AP testing with glowing feedback from the teachers. The bids for the replacement lab computers are currently being evaluated with the new equipment scheduled for installation this summer. These will be the first desktop computers purchased with the bond so the systems are being used as evaluation units for future staff and lab computers.

### **Phone System**

The new phone system has been selected and we are working with the installation company, BSB, on planning and finalizing the equipment list. The new phone system will improve safety through enhanced 911 (E-911) which lets emergency responders know the location of the emergency within the building in addition to traditional 911 which just provides the building address. The new phone system is scheduled for July installation and will be ready when staff and students return.

### **Network and Cabling Infrastructure**

The network cabling will be replaced in 8 buildings over the next year in preparation for the network replacement in 2017. Work has started at Berkshire Middle School and will continue to Quarton Elementary and West Maple Elementary in the coming months. Planning has started for the firewall, network, and wireless replacement projects. A portion of these projects are potentially eligible for partial funding through the Universal Services e-rate funding; design and bidding will follow the e-rate bid calendar.