



A Message from the Superintendent

I hope everyone has had a great start to the New Year. It is hard to believe that the school year is already more than half over. With that said, all of our employees remain committed to putting our children first and ending the year on a strong note.

During the first half of the school year, we accomplished many great things, including the passage of our capital project. We thank you for your continued support and I look forward to updating you on all of the much needed improvements being made to our infrastructure, classrooms and athletic fields. Presently, the board of education and administration is hard at work constructing a fiscally sound budget that puts Whitesboro's distinguished educational opportunities first for the children that we serve.

As we charge ahead, I would like to share with you some of the things the district is focusing on for the second half of the school year. While the district has always invested greatly into state-of-the-art technology for our students and faculty and staff, we are determined to discuss and make even more improvements that will certainly put our students in an even stronger position to succeed in the digital world. Some of the things we have continually been working on and addressing:

Wireless (Wi-Fi): Nearly a decade ago, our district was one of the first districts in the area to install a district-wide wireless network.

In the past year:

- The original system was replaced and the total number of wireless access points was increased to 128

Over the past several years:

- A number of fiber-optic cabling runs were replaced
- 50% of network switches were replaced
- Network links between buildings increased tenfold
- New district server room was constructed and installed at the high school

Hardware: Despite a decrease in state funding, over the last three years, the district has purchased the following vital pieces of equipment:

- More than 600 laptops and 14 laptop carts
- More than 250 desktop computers
- More than 250 laser printers, which are more cost-effective
- Three "Project Lead The Way" computer labs
- Upgrades to projectors in 137 of our 200 SMART Board equipped classrooms

Moving Forward: In order to expand our wireless capabilities and improve connection strength throughout the district, as well as continue to provide our students and faculty and staff with the necessary technology to succeed, work is still needed. Future goals include:

- Installing additional wireless access points to ensure that all of our technology can be utilized to the fullest
- Personally owned devices being able to safely connect to our wireless network
- New fiber-optic cabling and other critical network cabling infrastructure, which is part of our capital project
- Wireless projection for classrooms, which is currently being tested
- Chromebooks, an alternative type of laptop that is half the price of a traditional PC

As always, I encourage you to attend many of our students' functions throughout the school year.

Also, by working together, we can continue to make strides toward higher student achievement and ensure that all of our graduates are college and career ready.

Dave Langone
Superintendent