

# The State of Technology in Blind Brook Schools 2008-2009

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# Current Situation: Equipment

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- ❑ All computers are three years old or less
- ❑ Classrooms equipped with computers, printers and SMART Boards
- ❑ Laptop carts in use in specific areas in middle and high schools
- ❑ Set up replacement cycles for projectors, laptops and SMART Boards (may be adjusted due to current economic situation)



# Current Situation: Software

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- Only what is used is being renewed
- Training teachers and students to optimize use of current software
- Researching open source alternatives
  - Pilot for OpenOffice software



# Current Situation: Network

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- Infrastructure current and reliable
- Server software upgrade planned for this summer
- Extra functionality added to web site
- Web page updating process being improved
- Disaster recovery process is a concern
  - Plans in place to remedy concerns



# Current Situation: Curriculum

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- ❑ Revision of high school computer electives
- ❑ Ongoing revision of BMP-RSS and middle school computer classes
- ❑ Assessment of computer skills in other classes
- ❑ Awareness of digital copyright
- ❑ Integration of Web 2.0 tools



# New and Ongoing Initiatives

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- ❑ Open Source Software
- ❑ Web 2.0 tools
- ❑ Digital Literacy
- ❑ Personal Response Systems
- ❑ Document Cameras



# Technology Planning Committee

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- ❑ Steve Kaplan, Member of Board of Education
- ❑ Dr. Stephen Young, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- ❑ Colin Byrne, Director of Technology
- ❑ Jean Follansbee, Instructional Media Specialist
- ❑ Nancy Knabl, Teacher MS
- ❑ Ira Hersch, Teacher HS
- ❑ Robin Willig, Teacher BMP RSS
- ❑ Sanchita Krishna, Teacher BMP RSS
- ❑ Chrissie Onofrio, Teacher BMP RSS
- ❑ Michele Marallo, Teacher BMP RSS
- ❑ Alain Oberrotman, Community Member/Parent
- ❑ Giorgio Rietti, Community Member/Parent
- ❑ Brian Berk, Community Member/Parent
- ❑ Adam Sohn, Community Member/Parent
- ❑ Kevin O'Neil, Community Member/Parent
- ❑ Andrew Rosson, Community Member/Parent

# Current Technology Department Staff

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- Director of Technology – Colin Byrne
- Administrative Assistant (shared) – Ana Tornini
- Two network technicians – EduTek
  - Additional 10 hours monthly of network engineering support from EduTek
- Part-time A/V Specialist – Carlos Bido

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Questions?

