Technology Advisory Council

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Time	Topic/Activity	Outcome/Learning Target	Strategic Theme
4:30-4:45	Welcome	Re-connect with TAC members while reviewing our role and purpose and the team Norms	Supportive Culture
4:45-5:00	Updates	Share progress of Capital Technology work since our last meeting: • Synergy Student Information System • Parent Square • Web site-Final Site • Lifecycle management projects	Consistency and Accountability
5:00-5:25	Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Everett	Review current work of the AI Committee Share feedback on considerations the district needs to make when adopting AI tools for EPS connecting to the 4 Pillars Provide feedback on our next steps	Effective Instruction
5:25-5:30	Break		
5:30-5:50	Planning for the work ahead with Capital Technology Levy	Outline the projects that are in the planning stages and provide input: • Devices for students • Device for staff • Teaching station	Equitable Access
5:50 – 6:00	Closure and feedback		Supportive Culture

Agenda

Attendance: (Chat)

- ID number and name

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TAC Vision

Each member of Everett Public Schools is engaged in rigorous learning critically important to ongoing success both within and beyond the school walls, utilizing innovative technology tools that are a part of an equitable, robust, sustainable system.

Purpose

Identify, coordinate and prioritize the demands for using technology to advance student achievement and increase operational efficiency. The council works within the parameters of the district strategic plan and with other councils to optimize the district's short- and long-term 21st century teaching and learning objectives.

The Technology Advisory Council

- Provides guidance on aligning instructional and operational technology initiatives
- Provides guidance in prioritizing available funding from capital fund resources, bonds or levies
- Analyzes the demand for future resources to ensure sustainability of district technology and growth
- Provides parameters and support for updating the district technology plan
- Oversees implementation of the board-approved district technology plan

Role and Purpose

Technology Advisory Council: Role & Purpose		
Scope of Work	**Description of Tasks**	**Deliverables**
Systematically identify, coordinate and prioritize future district needs for technology	Evaluate systems and components necessary to support student achievement and increase operational efficiencies	Annual assessment of technology needs and resource implications
Assess and make recommendations for systematic use of technology, technology systems, and degree of professional development necessary to improve student achievement	Identify, prioritize and align instructional and operational technology needs of the district Review Integrated Technology Plan and evidence of implementation	Update annual technology work plan to advance Integrated Technology Plan Interim reports to superintendent, cabinet, and other groups as needed
Align technology plan with strategic plan	Participate in annual planning process providing technology-related information and input to planning team	Reflection on the implementation of Integrated Technology Plan through Annual Operating Plan

Norms

- Listen to each other and provide support in the form of questions or points to ponder
- While someone is speaking utilize the Chat feature in Zoom to ask questions
- Please update profile to include your full name in the meeting
- Would like video on at beginning of meeting to greet and then preference to video off
- Remember to mute when not speaking
- Keep debates/conversations healthy– focus on issues, check for understanding before reacting– focus on the interests of all parties
- Respect the developmental nature of this group's work:
  - Gather input when requested
  - Remember proposals are suggestions not promises
  - Use caution in sharing ideas that are under construction

Updates

Synergy®

Education Platform

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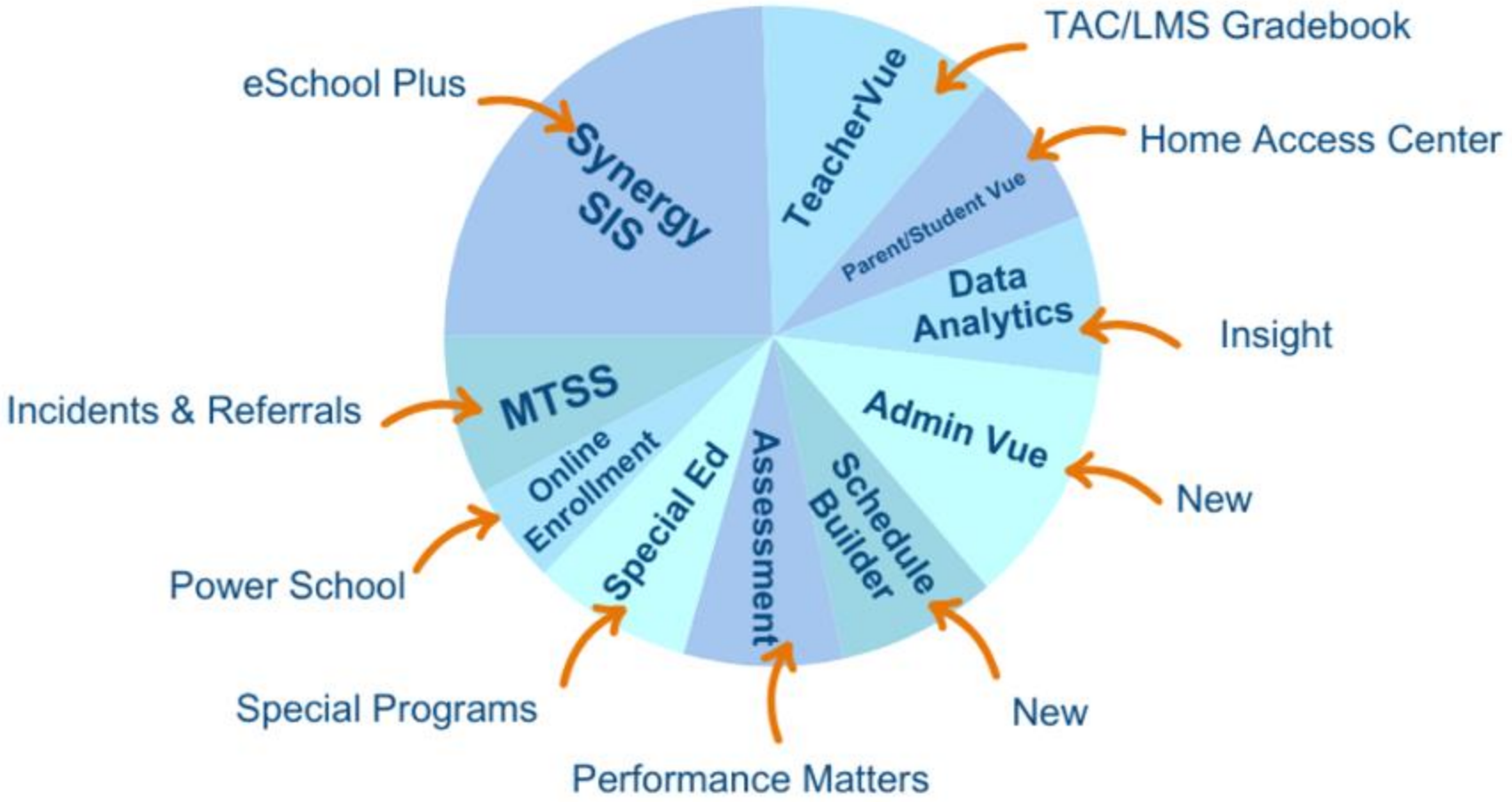
One Tool for Many Needs



Currently working on ...

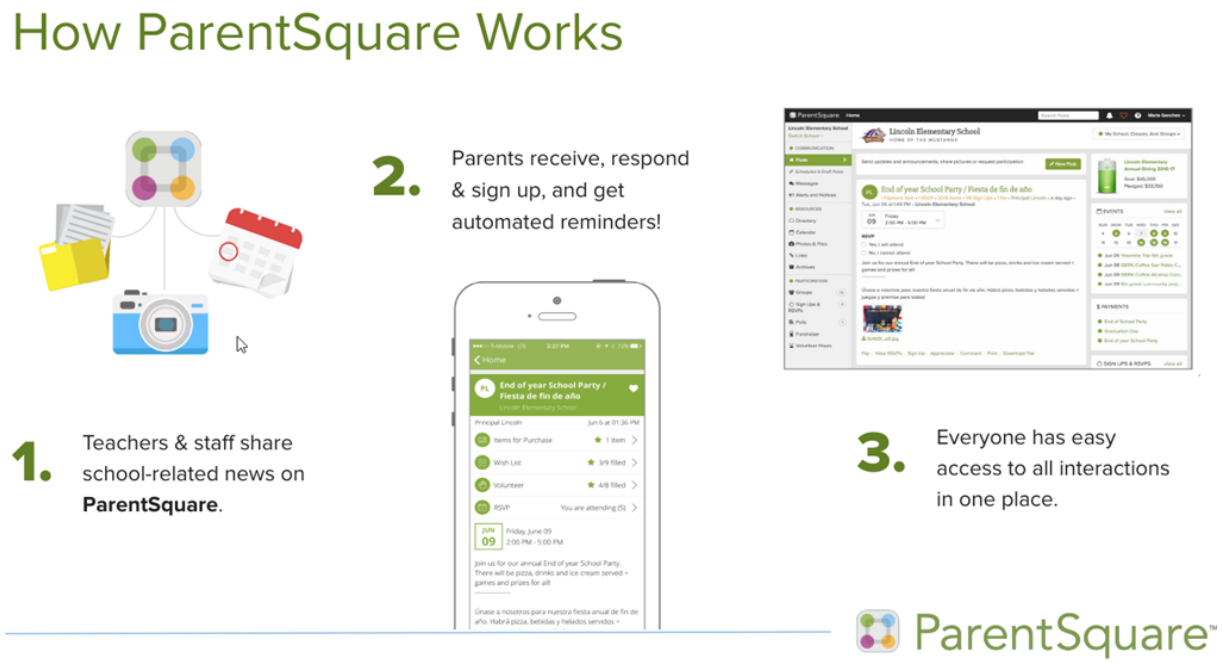
Synergy student information system (SIS) implementation

• Completing round 3 (out of 8) of data conversion	• Completing training for key student information system staff	• Identifying stakeholder training groups and needs • Developing training calendar for all groups through Fall 2025	• Developing a communication plan to update staff

ParentSquare

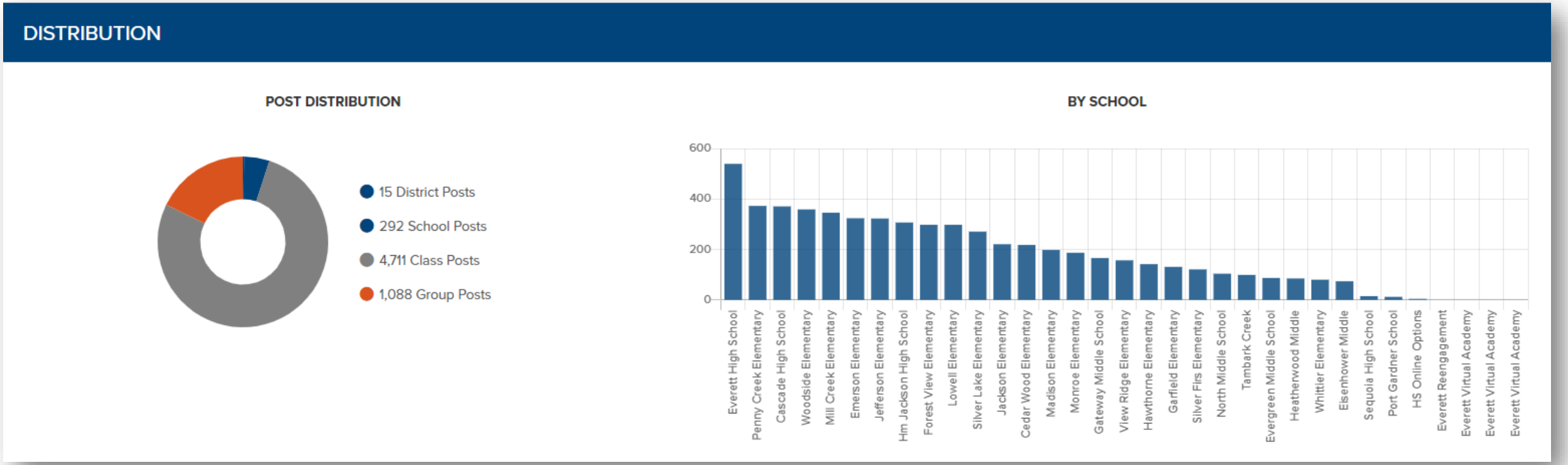
Increased connection with community through technology

- **Improved communication**: A unified platform to streamline communication between the district, schools, teachers, and families.
- **Enhanced Family Engagement**: Easy-to-use app and text messaging encourages families to stay connected and involved.
- **Automatic Translations**: Supports our multilingual community by automatically translating messages into over 100 languages



ParentSquare User Data

- **39881- Total parent/guardian users**
- **20389 - Number of *registered* parent/guardian Users**
- **74.08% - Percentage of students with at least one registered parent/guardian user**



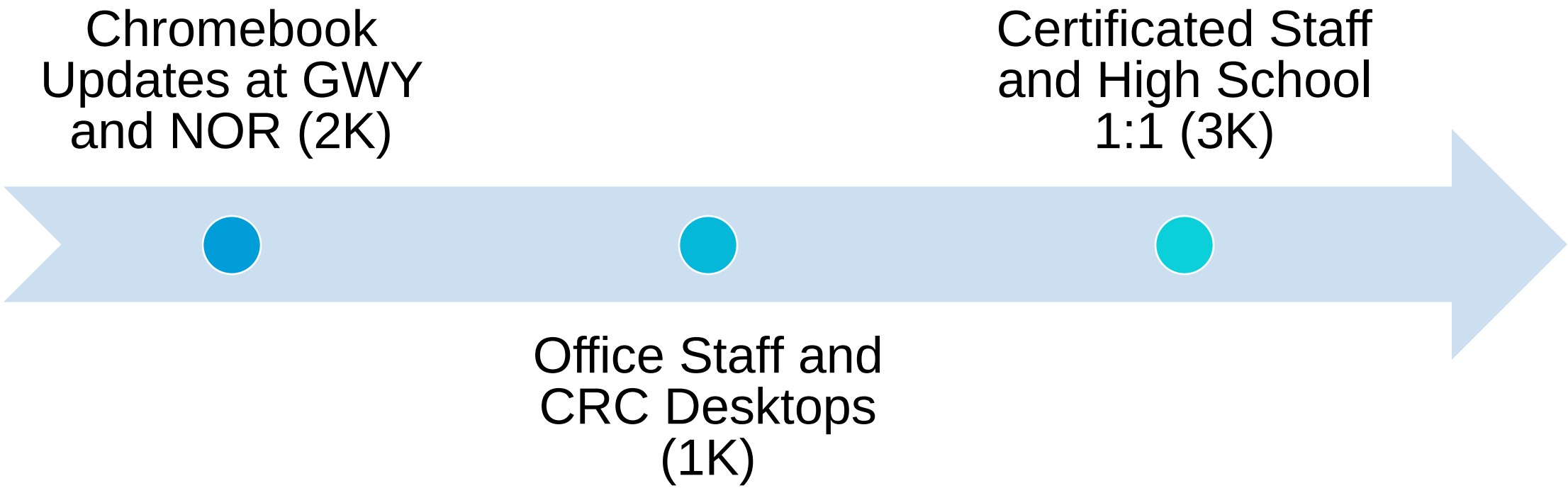
FINALSITE

New website update

- Transition from Blackboard website platform to Finalsite
- Scheduled for August 2024
- Launch of Finalsite is postponed
- Updated timeline is being developed
- The new website will not go live until it meets our high standards, and all webmasters have completed training
- Staff is continuing to use current Blackboard website platform to start the year

Lifecycle Management

Recent, Current, and Upcoming Projects



Artificial Intelligence

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Artificial Intelligence Committee

40+ teachers and admin meeting three times this year to address the essential question:

How do we effectively launch the implementation of Artificial Intelligence this year using district tools to support effective climate, culture, systems, and instruction?

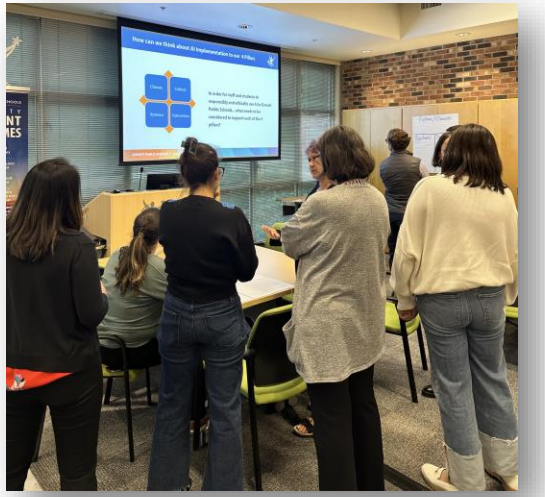
Committee feedback

Need more exposure to AI tools available so we can make an informed decision

Exploring AI tools and creating learning opportunities for our staff

The best way to understand something is to start playing with it. AI tools for some students to use and get a feel for how it would go in the classroom.

Invest in professional development, start with a pilot program to foster AI literacy.



Privacy of staff and students as information is put into AI while protecting personal information

AI Pilot

- October – January
- Virtual training for teachers
- AI Committee teachers and their students
- Provide committee feedback in December

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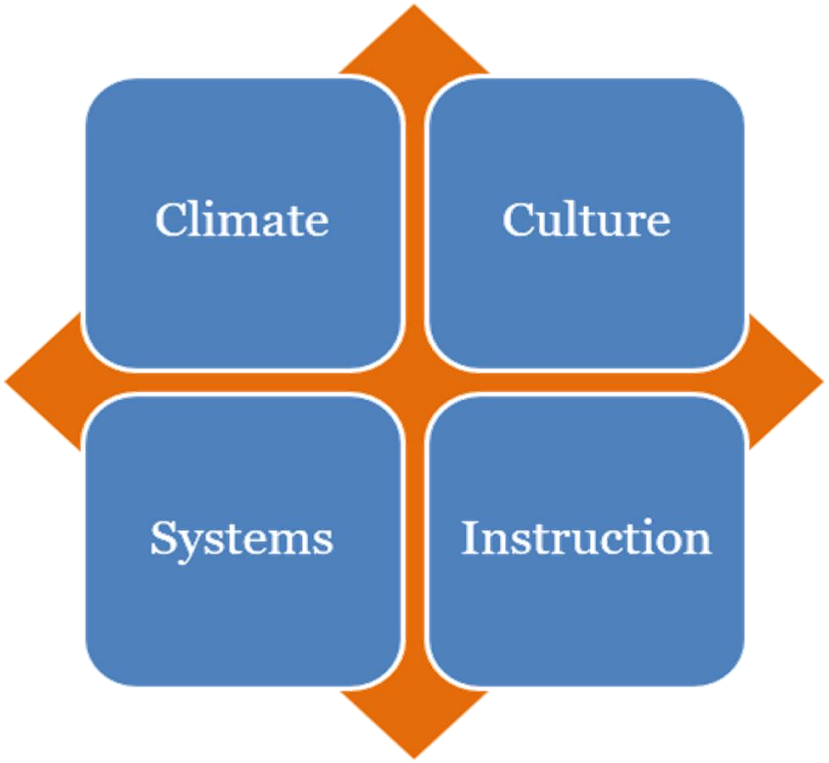
4 Pillars Activity



In order for staff and students to responsibly and ethically use AI in Everett Public Schools… what needs to be considered to support each of the 4 pillars?

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2022 Capital Project Fund

- $96 Million over six years: 2022-2028
- Integrated Technology Plan: framework for implementation
- Categories
  - Lifecycle Management
    - 1:1 student devices
    - District devices and upgrades
    - Additional classroom technology equipment
- Technology Infrastructure: safety and security
- Subscriptions including training and support
- Staffing

Planning for the Work Ahead

The next high school student devices need to have…

Within your break out rooms, discuss the above statement and create a list of your top 5 features, specifications, or types of functionality you feel the next highschool student device should have. Record your top 5 in the form being shared!

Some examples could be: screen size, battery life, regular laptop vs. 2-in-1, tablet-style, digital inking, active included pen/stylus, light and sleek, ruggedized…

Feedback is a gift

Technical Advisory Council - Feedback 2024-25

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