

BUSD Technology Report



Bonsall families purchased refurbished computers at our Fall Computer Distribution Event

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Empowering Bonsall families with access to technology

BUSD partnered with non-profit Computers 2 SD Kids for our third Computer Distribution Event on October 4 at Bonsall Elementary School to offer low-cost devices to Bonsall families. The goal of the event is to provide Bonsall students with more access to technology for academic and future professional success. The devices can also empower whole families to connect to school and community resources online.

Over 30 devices were purchased at this year's event. The devices come with Microsoft Office and PowerMyLearning Software pre-installed. They also come with one year of free technical support. I also want to commend school-site office staff and administrators for spreading the word about the event in order to make it such a great success.

Bus Communication System

Increasing communication with technology for bus-riding families

The Technology Department has been working with Transportation in order to create and implement a communication system for families of BUSD bus riders through Blackboard Parentlink.



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If there is an unforeseen bus delay or emergency, parents can be notified via email, text, and home phone message. Multiple users in the Transportation department, District Office, and school sites have been trained on the system, meaning that parents can be notified as soon as possible in the event of a bus schedule change.

The system debuted this month and has received positive praise from current Bonsall parents and is another way BUSD is trying to further communicate and support our families.

STUDENT DATA PRIVACY

With data and cyber security breaches making daily headlines, BUSD is taking steps to further protect our student and employee personal information.

The Technology and Purchasing Department are working together to create an Addendum to all of our educational software agreements that will further protect student data privacy. This addendum is written in compliance with CA Ed Code 40973.1.

This contract will build upon past cybersecurity efforts such as our iBoss web filter, ESET anti virus software, Cisco firewall, Cyber Insurance Policy, and employee training.



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