
Commack U.F.S.D. Board of Education

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT
JANUARY 9, 2020



Agenda



Capital Projects
and EPC Update

Technology
Program:
State-of-the-
District

Committee
Updates

Capital Projects and Energy Performance Contract



Energy Performance Contract



Capital Improvements



2019 Bond

The Continuation of Commack's Energy Conservation Plan

- **Phase One EPC** (\$20M+/-) Completed 2017
 - Resulted in more than \$20M verified savings and aid necessary to pay for the project and
 - seven buildings were recognized with Energy Star ratings for reduced energy costs and carbon footprint.
- **Phase Two EPC** (\$15M+/-) Commenced 2019



The Continuation of Commack's Energy Conservation Plan



Kieran Moran
Danny Haffel





Energy Performance Contract



RH & IH Roof Replacement Complete



CHS Roof Replacement in Progress



Interior & Exterior Lighting Upgrades in Progress



BMS Upgrades in Progress



RH & NR Boiler Replacement Complete



Burr & MSIS Co-generation Installation in Progress



IH, RH & NR Solar Installation in Progress

\$15M OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS WITH NO COST TO TAXPAYERS

Additional Energy Conservation Measures Change Order Proposal



**Renewable Energy – Photovoltaic Electric Generation
(Solar Canopy / Carport System)**

Additional Energy Conservation Measures

Renewable Energy – Photovoltaic Electric Generation



Commack Middle School – 979.4 kW

Smithtown West Campus



Electrical Kilowatt-Hour (kWh) Energy Savings



Upon completion of rooftop and carport photovoltaic installations we will produce enough solar energy to run all 8 schools.*

- Baseline kWh Consumption – 7.5M
- EPC kWh Savings – 6M
- Districtwide kWh reduction – 80.3%

**This will be accurate until such time as 2019 Bond air-conditioning in large venues is installed. However, at that time we will do additional photovoltaic installations.*

Next Steps



- Finalize PSE&G Interconnection Costing
- February 2020 – Present Final Cost and Savings
- March 12th 2020 – Present Change Order for Adoption
- Pending Approval Begin Installation Summer 2020
- Fall 2020 – All 8 Schools “Off The Grid”



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[Click here for a short drone video](#)



Capital Improvement Updates



CHS Turf Field Replacement In-progress



CHS Security Vestibule Installation Anticipated Completion Winter 2020



CHS Track Replacement Summer 2020



CHS Site Restoration Summer 2020

2019 Bond Update



Soil borings complete

NR, Burr, CHS, CMS & IH

These are required to obtain geotechnical report to determine site conditions prior to any construction. Projects include NR Paving, Burr Paving, CHS softball and baseball fields, CMS turf field install & IH paving.



Environmental testing in progress (asbestos & PCB testing)

NR Paving & Burr Paving,

CHS Softball & Baseball Fields

CMS Turf Field Install & IH Paving

CHS & CMS Science Lab Renovations

All Restroom Renovations (All 8 Schools)

Roof Projects Sag, LA, CR, OF & CMS

Window Projects At LA, CR, OF & SL



Site mapping, utility mark-outs & surveying in progress

NR Paving, Burr Paving, CHS Softball and Baseball Fields, CMS Turf Field Install & IH Paving



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Instructional Technology Department: State-of-the-District



Instructional Technology Update

CMS & CHS Technology Education
Department Highlights
Smart Schools Deployment at CHS

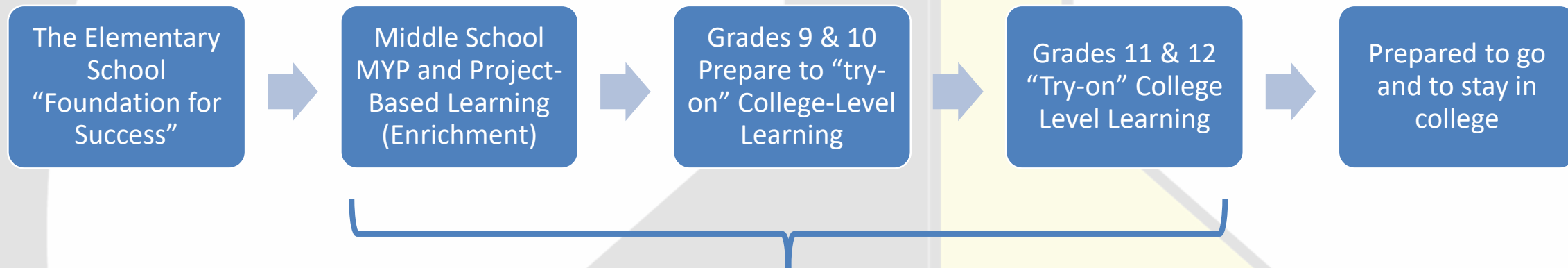


Infrastructure Update

Infrastructure Development
Cyber Security Update
Device Inventory and Deployment
BOCES Multi-Year Lease Agreement
Short-Term and Long-Term Planning



THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM CONTINUUM



The Secondary School Program:

A **Balanced** Educational Program that provides each student with **access and opportunity**. At the core of the success of this program is **Project-Based Learning**.

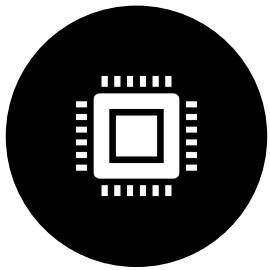
Students learning through **PBL retain content longer and have a deeper understanding** of what they are learning.
(Penuel & Means, 2000; Stepien, Gallagher & Workman, 1993)

In specific content areas, **PBL has been shown to be more effective than traditional methods** for teaching math, economics, language, science, and other disciplines.
(Beckett & Miller, 2006; Boaler, 2002; Finkelstein et al., 2010; Greier et al., 2008; Mergendoller, Maxwell, & Bellisimo, 2006)

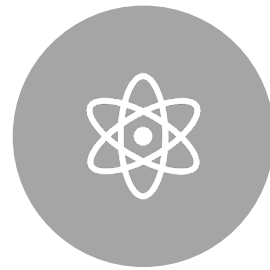
Commack Middle School Design Technology

Mr. John Murray
Design Technology Education Lead Teacher

We Offer Enrichment, Access and Opportunity



6th Grade: Innovations
in Technology or
Traditional Technology



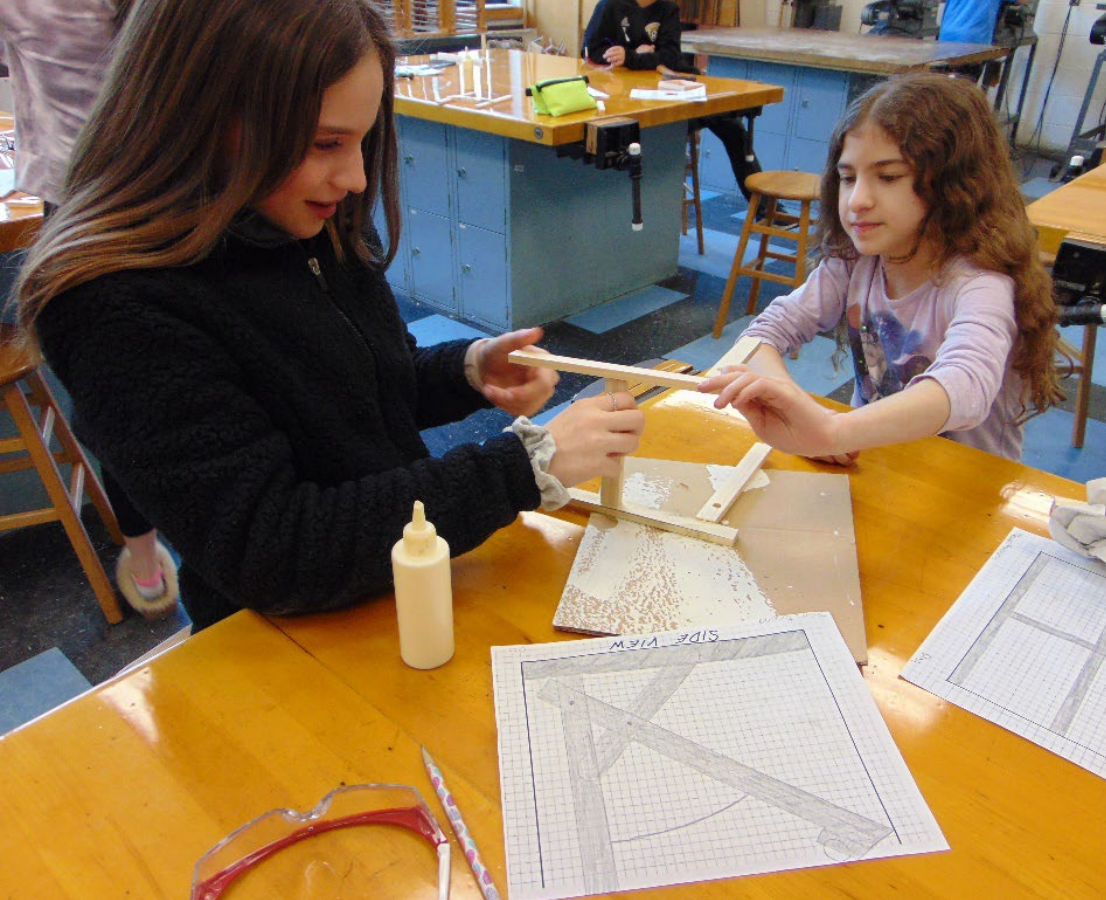
7th Grade: Principles of
Physics and Engineering
through Transportation



8th Grade: VEX and
Clock Design

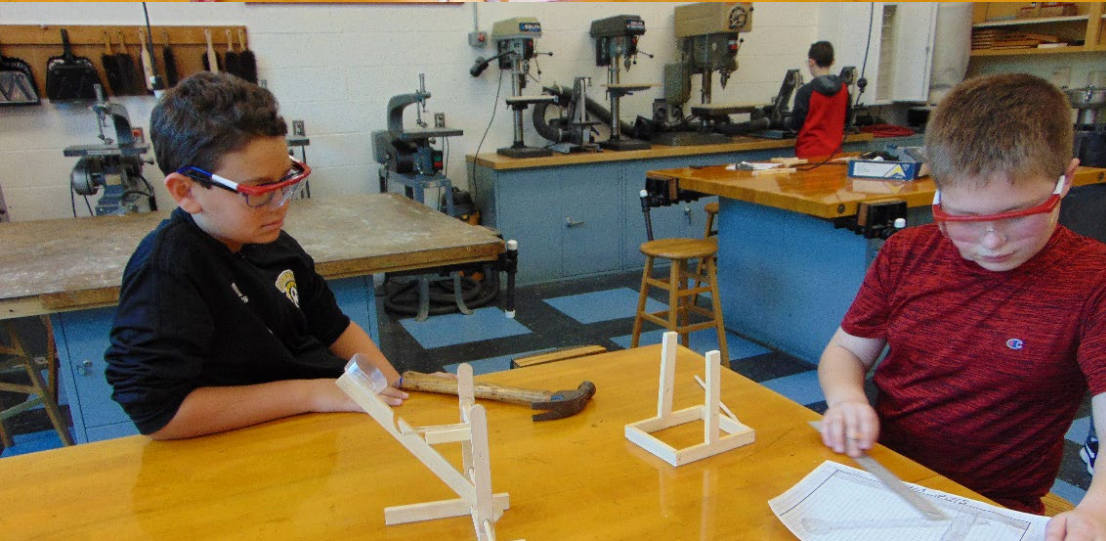


7th & 8th Grade
Enrichment: Building
and Beyond and STEM



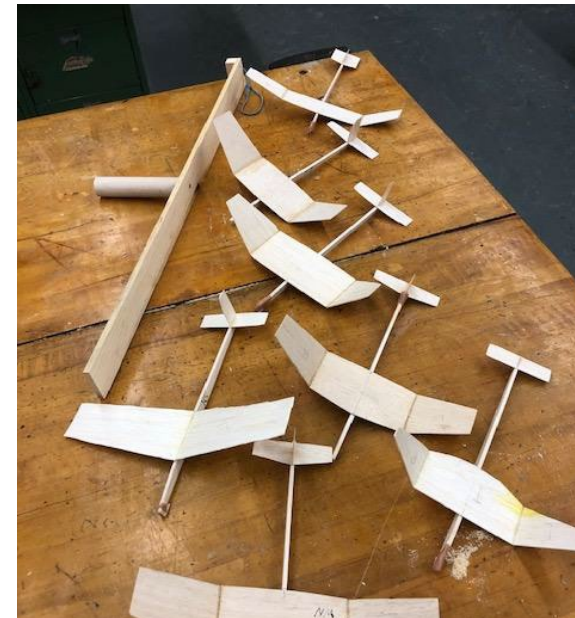
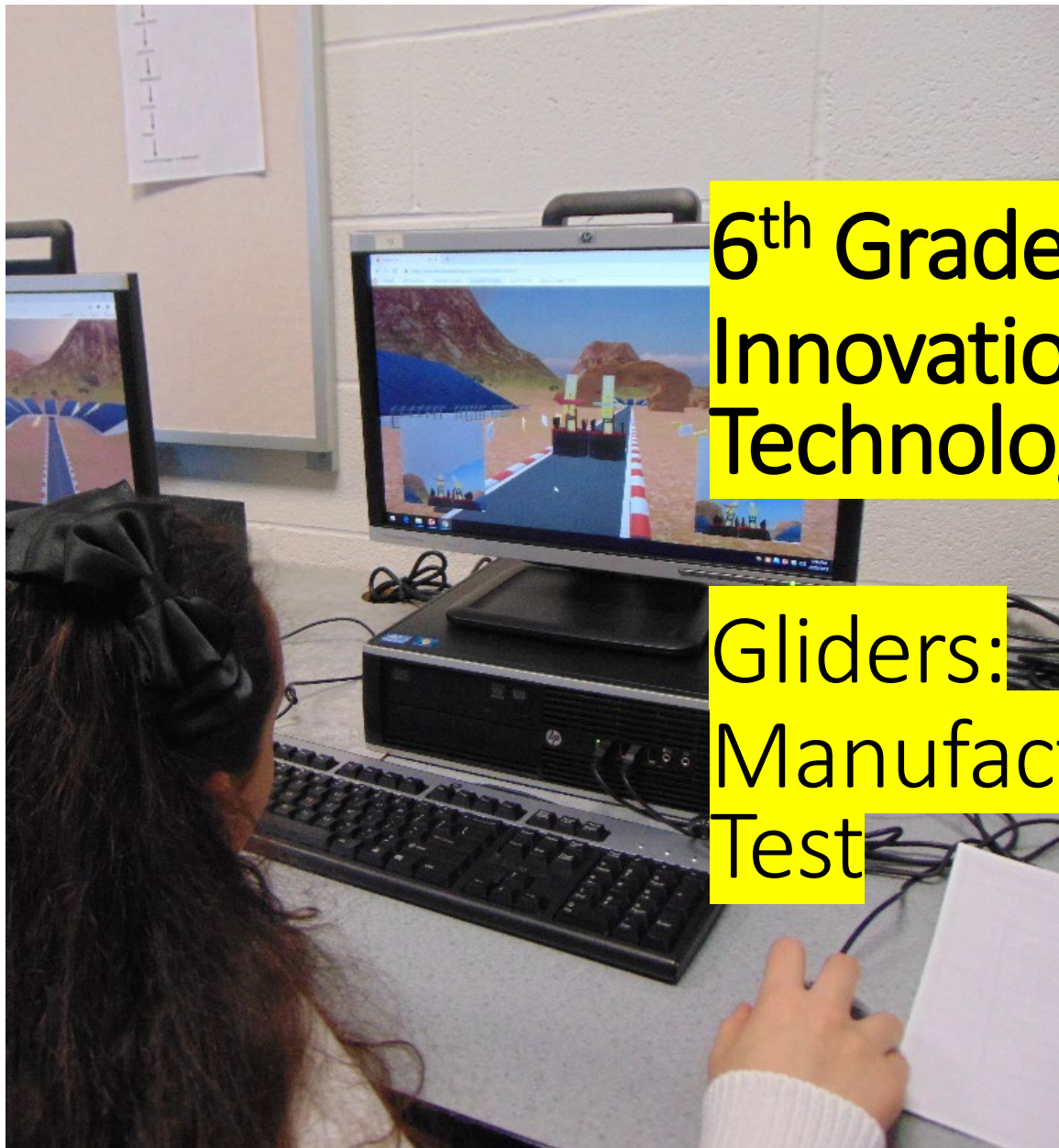
6th Grade Innovations in Technology

Catapults: Design & Manufacturing



6th Grade Innovations in Technology

Gliders: Manufacturing & Test

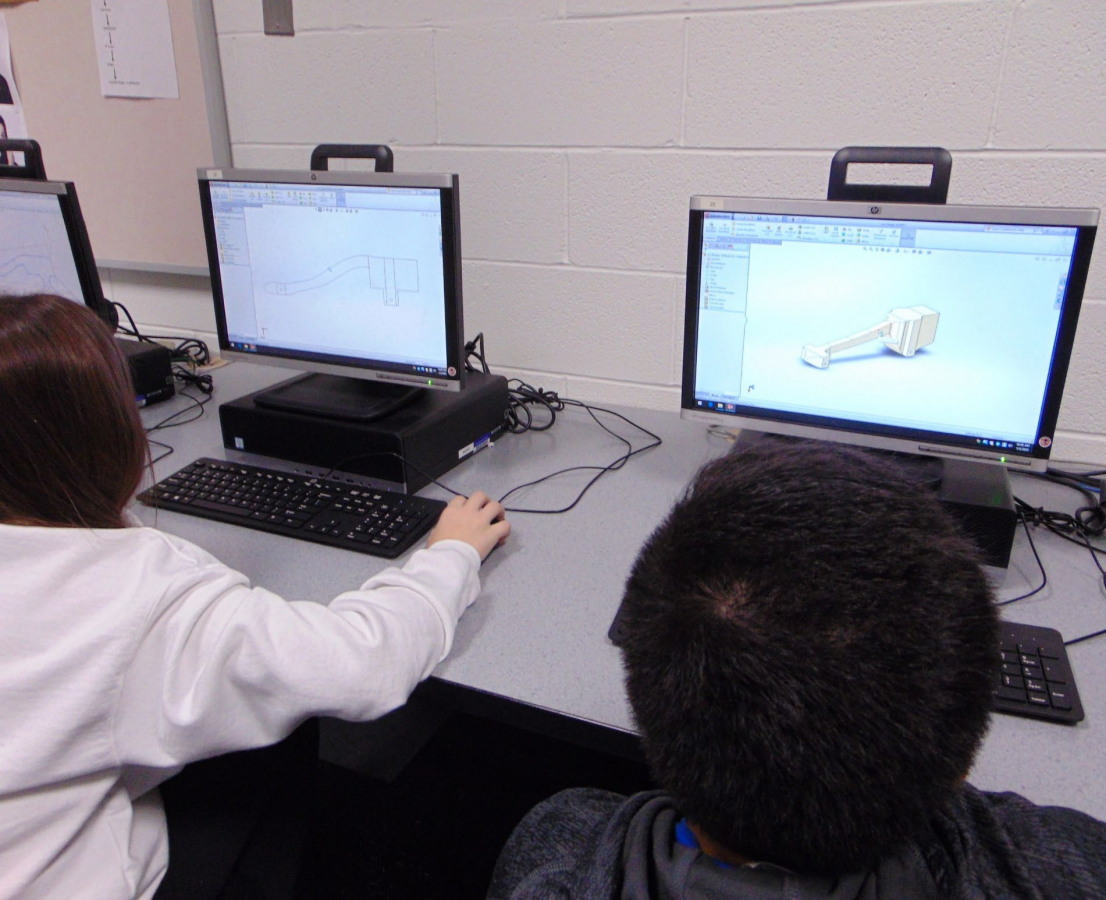




6th Grade Innovations in Technology

Key Chains: Manufacturing

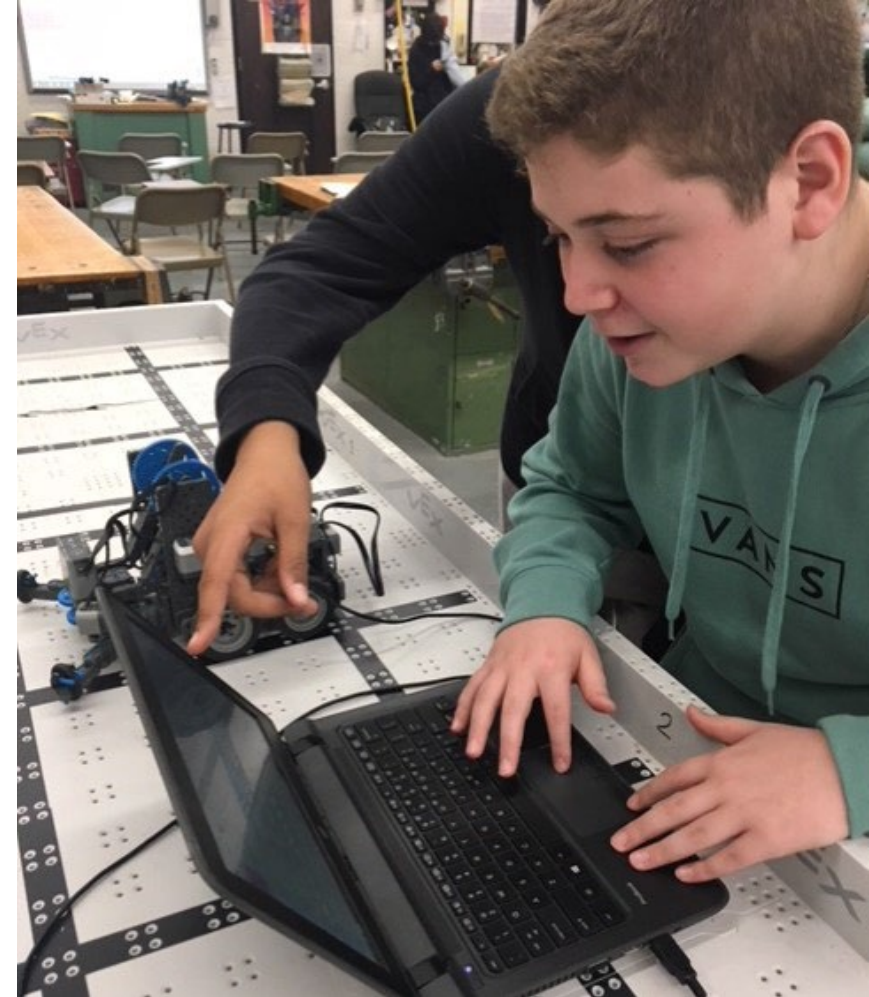
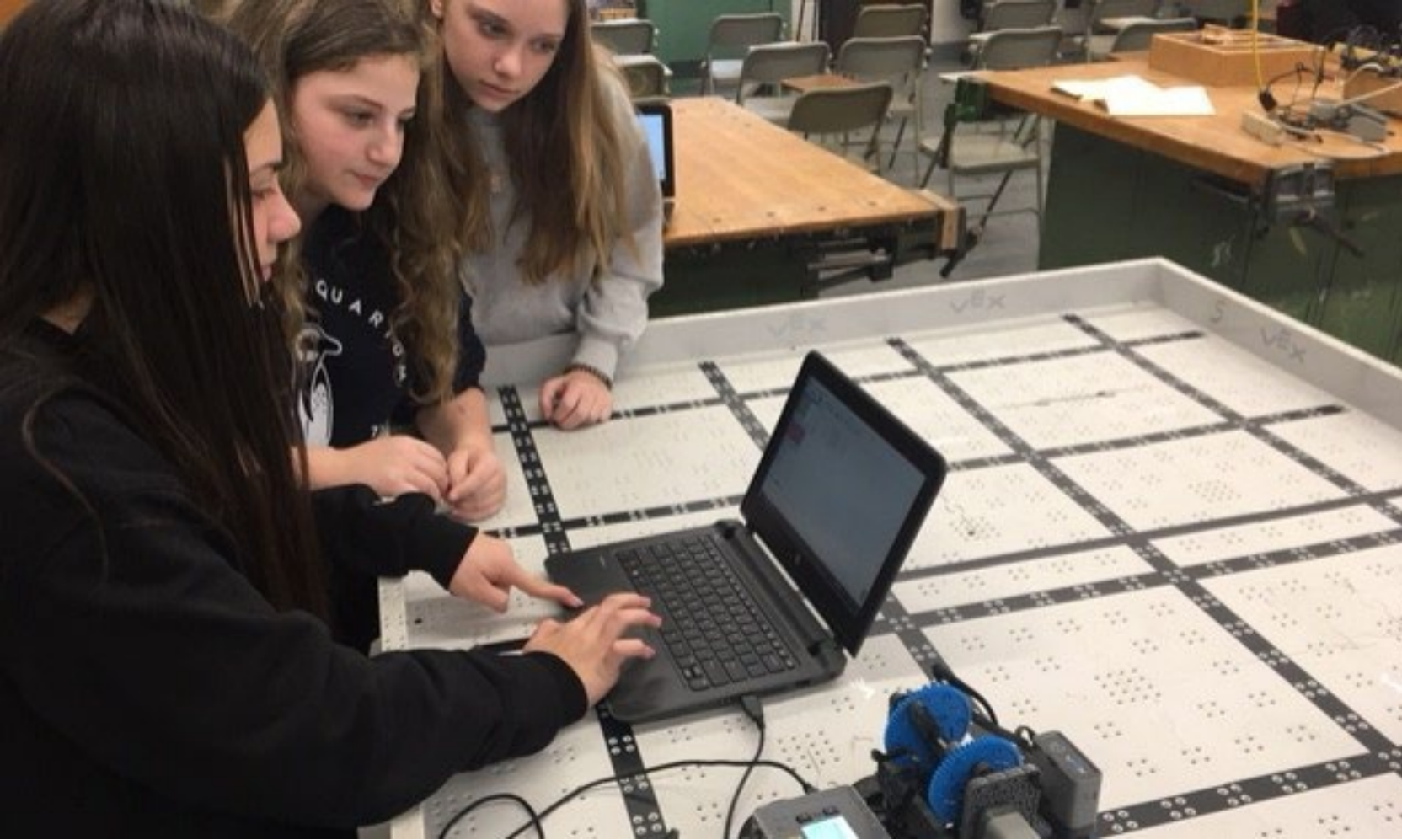




7th Grade Principles of Physics and Engineering through Transportation

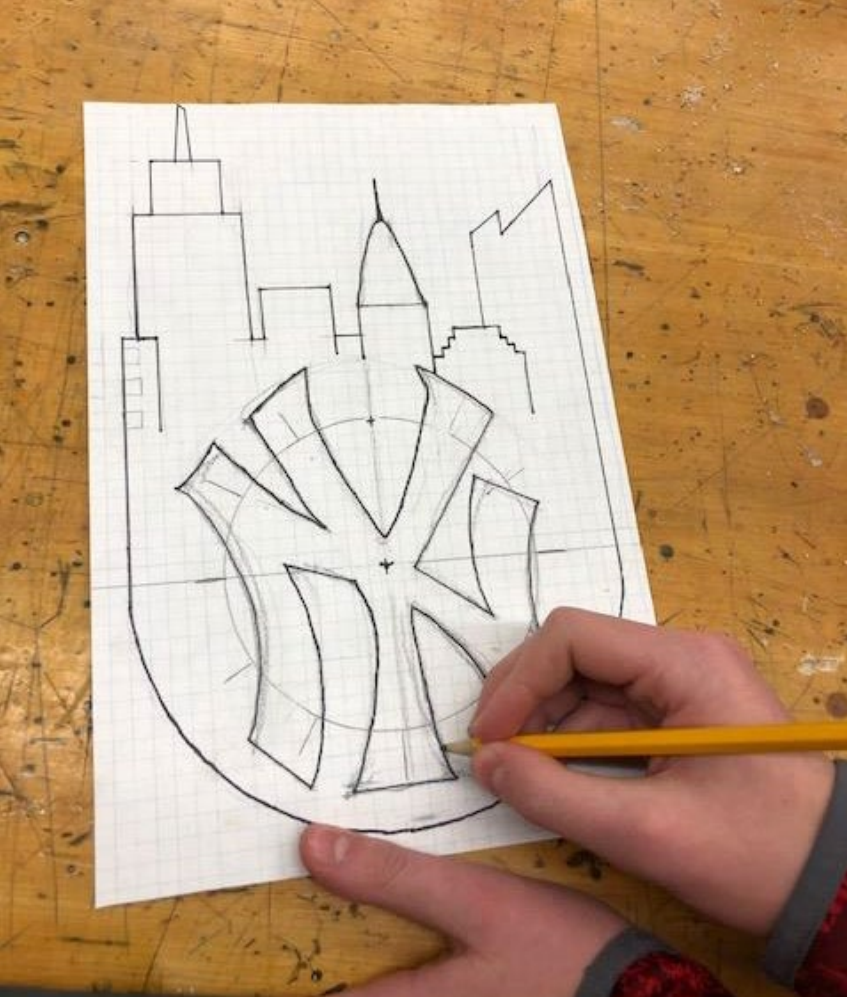
co2 Cars: Design and Manufacturing





8th Grade
VEX and Clock Design

Vex Robotics: Programming and Application



8th Grade

VEX and Clock Design

Clock Design and Manufacture



Grades 7 and 8

Building and Beyond:
Understanding Design
through Manufacturing



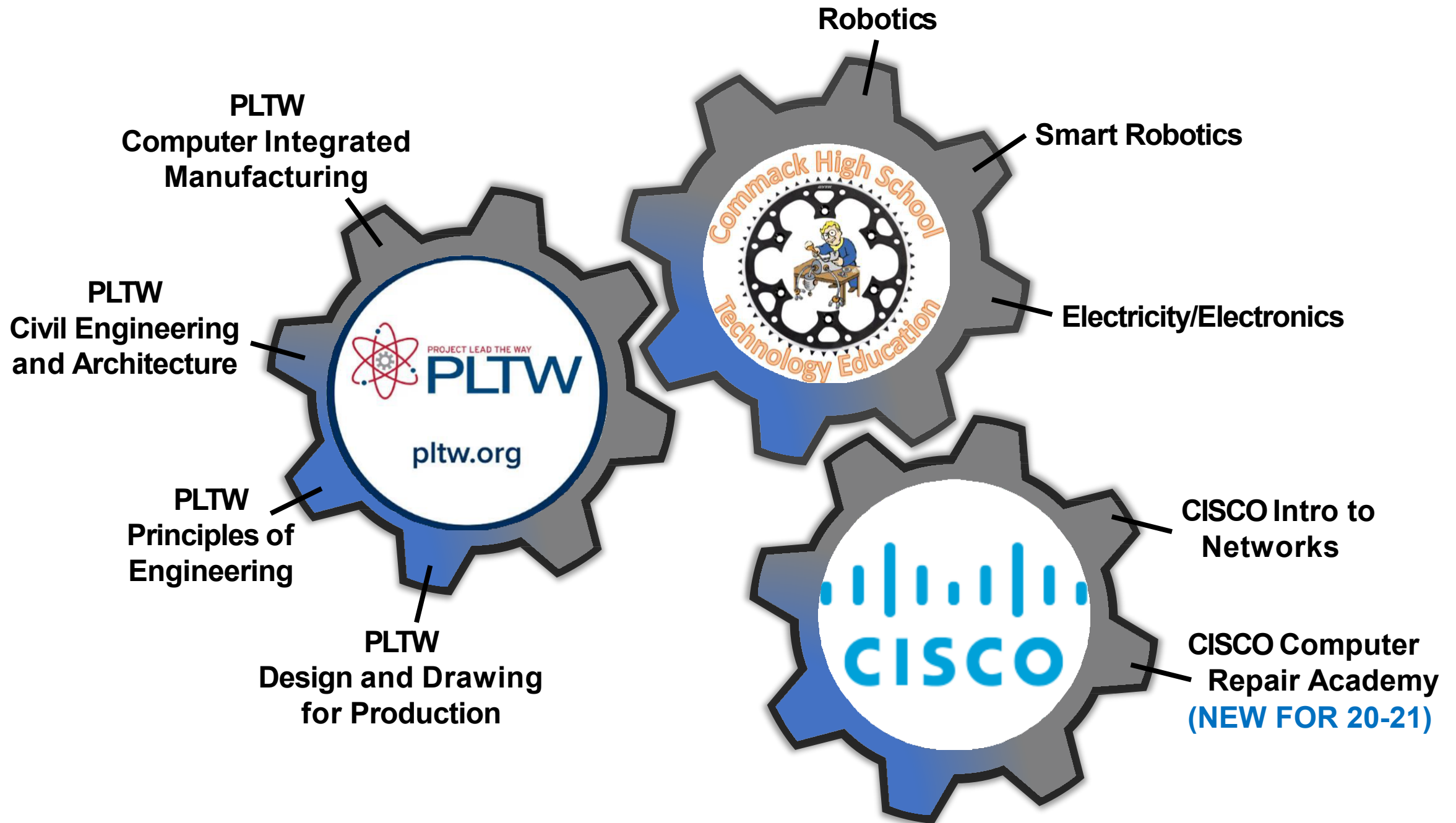


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Commack High School: Technology Education Department Highlights

Mr. Thomas Shea
Technology Education Teacher





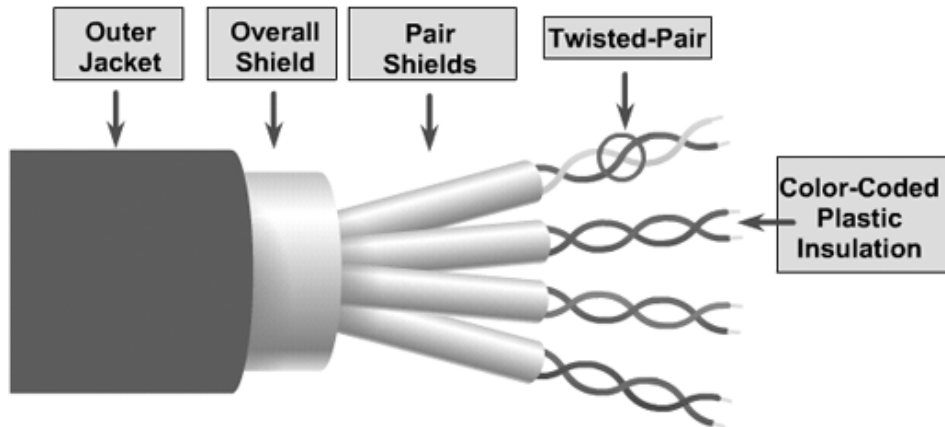
Cisco Networking Academy – Switching, Routing, Network Essentials

Completion of the course permits seating for Cisco Certified Technician (CCT) Exam

“We attain field experience inside the classroom.”

How is a network cable constructed?

- Students are taught network cabling principles
- Students construct their own cables using field technician equipment and methodologies



New Offering Fall 2020

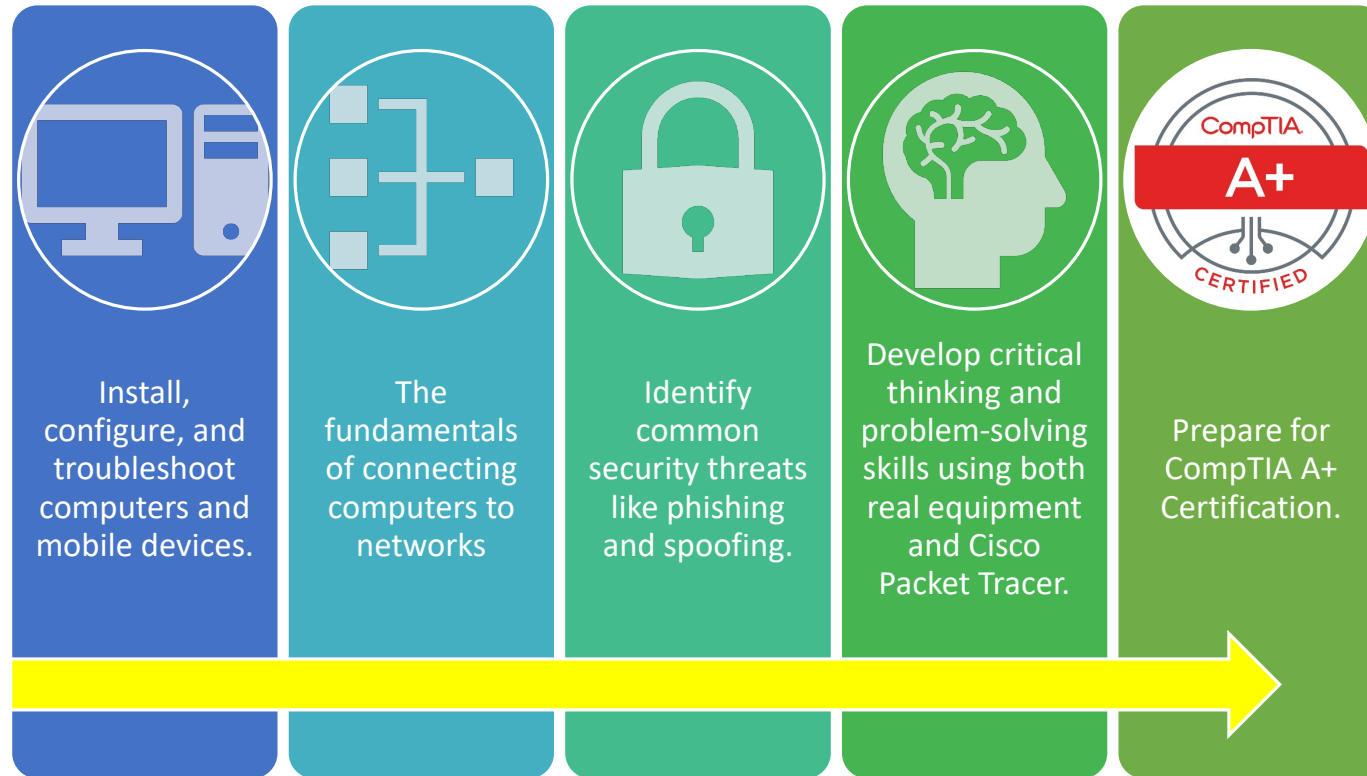


Cisco Computer Repair Academy

Completion of the course permits seating for CompTIA A+ Certification



Computer Repair Academy covers the career skills needed for entry-level IT jobs



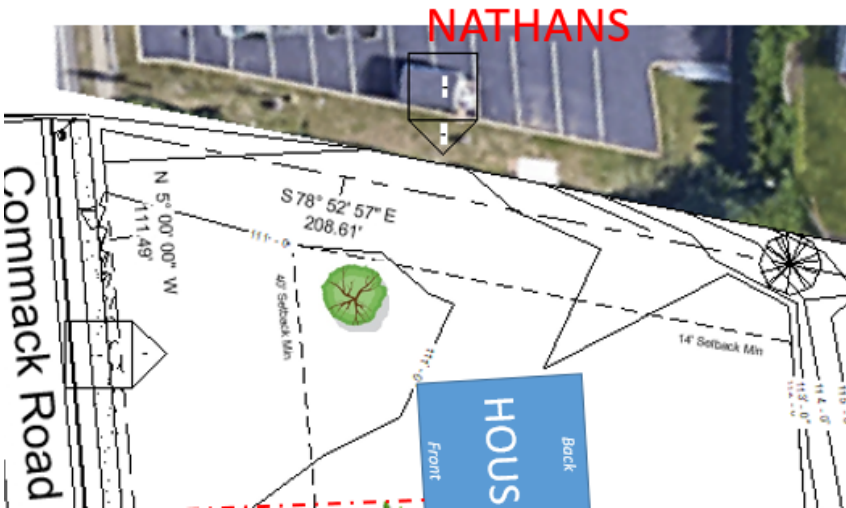


PLTW – Civil Engineering and Architecture

“We bring design principles to our students’ doorsteps.”

Do we have enough water pressure at our proposed construction site?

- Use Google Earth to gather real life data
- Perform analyses based upon SCWA reports and engineering principles

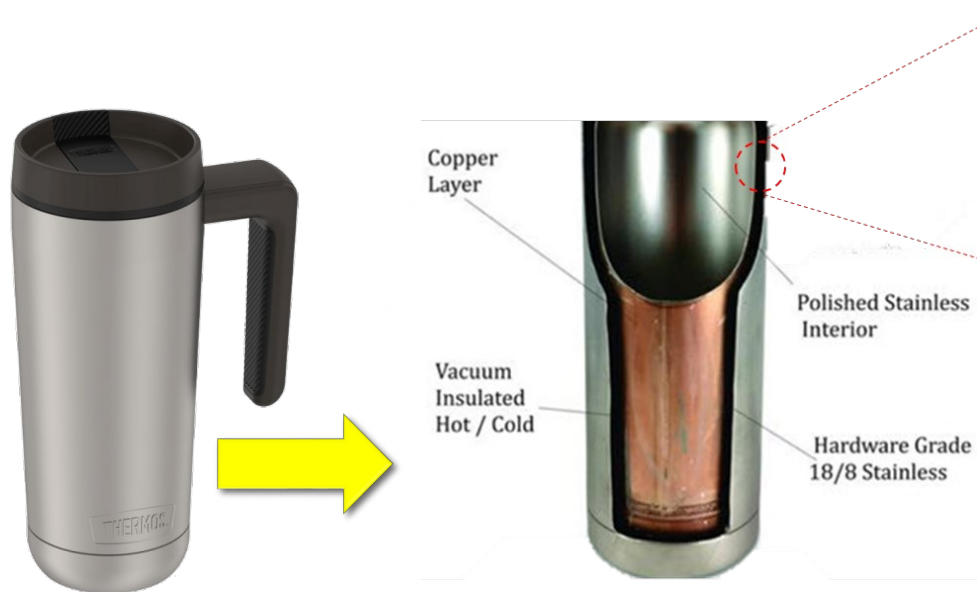


PLTW – Principles of Engineering

“Do equations approximate the world, or does the world approximate equations?”

Anatomy of an Insulated Mug

- Perform analyses to characterize the performance
- Perform an experiment measuring the performance

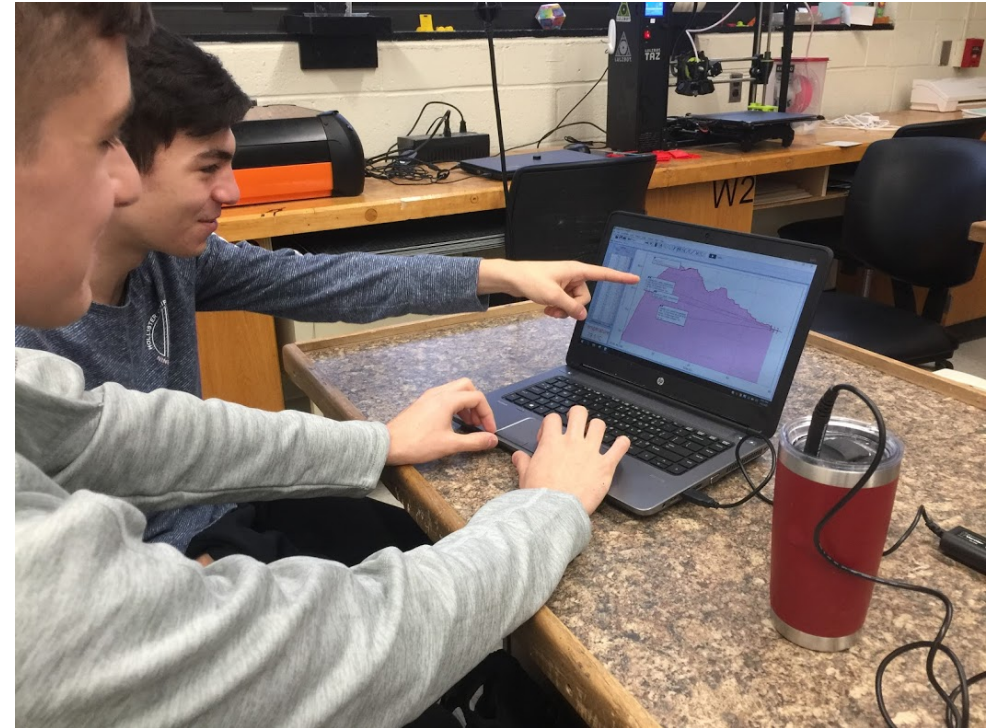


Inner Wall
Conduction

Outer Wall
Conduction

$$Q_{total} = \frac{k_i A_i}{\Delta x_i} + h A_i + \epsilon \sigma A_i (T_i^4 - T_o^4) + \frac{k_o A_o}{\Delta x_o}$$

Air Gap Convection Air Gap Radiation



PLTW – Computer Integrated Manufacturing

“Engineering is conceptual emulation not duplication.”

The Cup Crusher

- Open design challenge
- Collaborative project
- All designs were unique
- Involved mechanical design as well as coding

Robot C Code

```
30
31 */
32 task e_stop()/*start estop*/
33 {
34     while(1==1) /*loop forever*/
35     {
36         if(SensorValue(Bump)==1) /*if the bump switch is pressed stop the program*/
37         {
38             stopAllTasks();
39         }
40         wait1Msec(1);/*wait statement to allow time for the above lines to work*/
41     }
42 }
43 task main()/*start the program*/
44 {
45 {
46 while(1==1)/*loop forever*/
47 {
48     startMotor(port2, -127);/*start motor backwards full power*/
49     startTask(e_stop);/*initilize the estop prgram*/
50     untilBump(Bump1);/*wait untill bump is pressed*/
51
52     if(SensorValue(LineFollower1) > 125)/*loop untill the sensor value is reached while button is pressed*/
53     {
54         if(SensorValue(LineFollower1) < 165)
55         {
56             startMotor(Wire393Motor,127);/*start motor foward full power*/
57             wait(1);/*wait 1 second*/
58             untilTouch(Limit);/*wait untill the limit is pressed and send motor in other direction t full power*/
59             startMotor(Wire393Motor,-127);
60             wait(15);/*wait 15 seconds*/
61             stopMotor(Wire393Motor);/*stop the motor*/
62             startMotor(port2, 50);/*use servo to kicout cup*/
63             wait(2);/*wait 2 seconds*/
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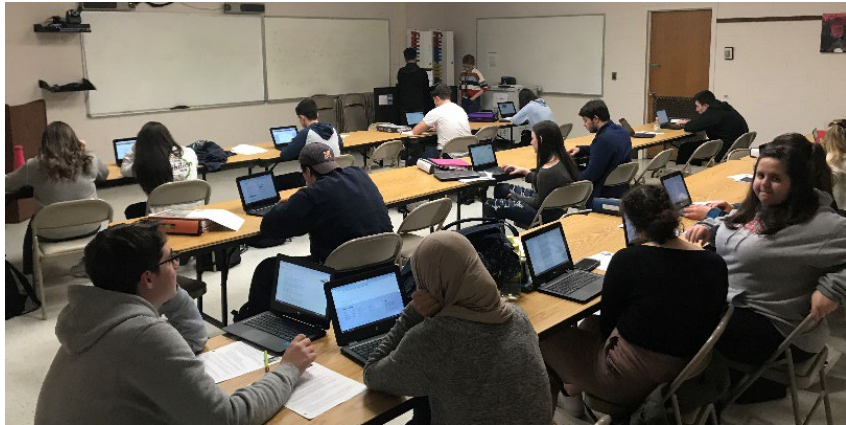


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Commack High School:
Growing Accessibility of Technology to
Enhance Teaching and Learning

Mr. Eric Biagi
Lead Teacher of Instructional Technology
Social Studies Teacher



Enhancing Teaching and Learning with Greater Access to Instructional Technology!

- ✓ **Smart Schools** - Commack High School deployed 1,260 laptop computers in 42 instructional rooms and in our multi-use technology room that students will have access to throughout each school year.
- ✓ Video Conference capabilities for virtual field trips to museums, laboratories and schools throughout the world
- ✓ Collaboration through sharing platforms and virtual communities

Access to (a lot more) Instructional Technology at Commack High School

TouchIT
Interactive
Displays

Smart Boards in
Every Instructional
Room

Multi-use Video
Conference Lab

Mac Lab for Music
Production

Full Audio and
Television
Recording Studios

Robotics Lab

Student Computer
Labs

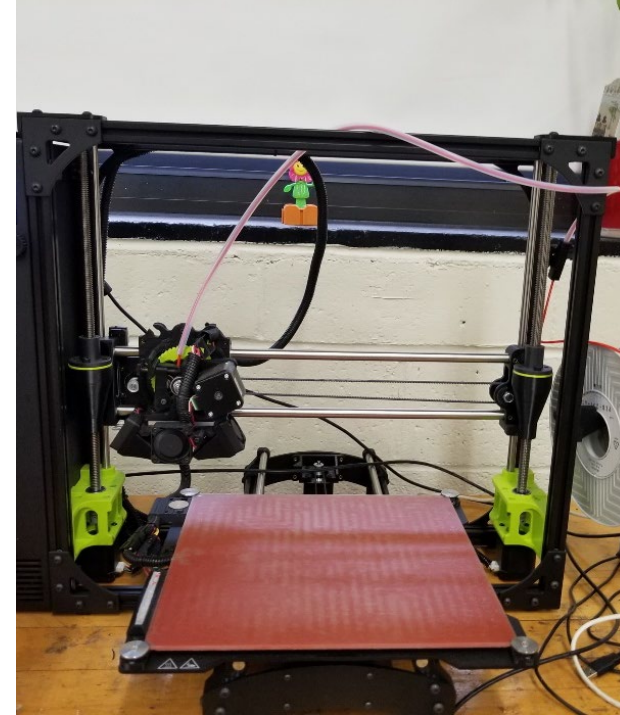
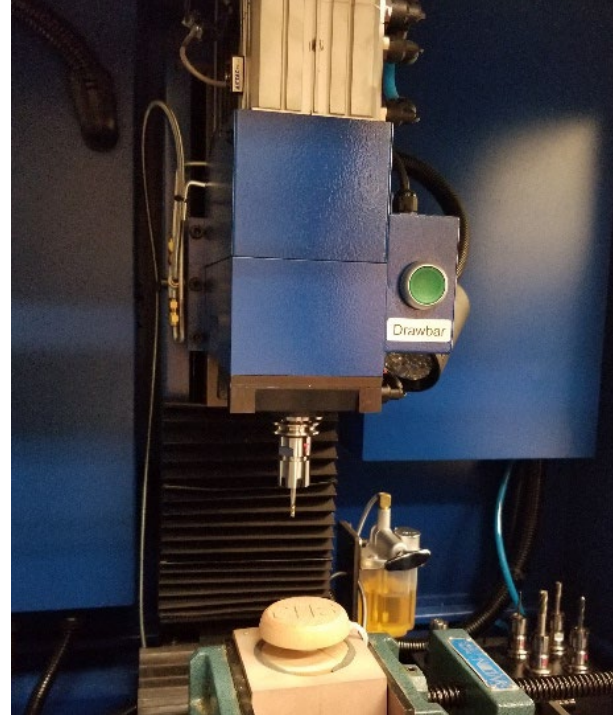
CISCO
Programming Lab

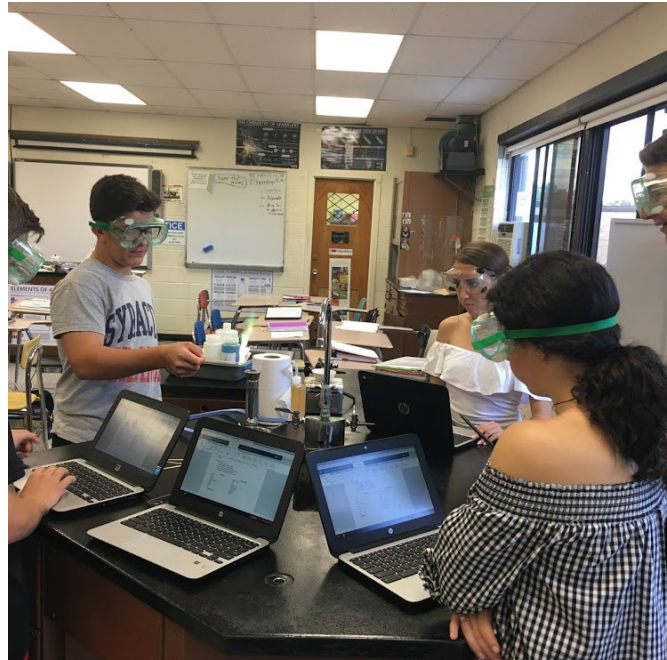
Android Tablets to
Support PLTW
Curriculum

WACOM Art
Design Tablets

Digital Signage
Displays

3D Printing and
Laser
Woodcutting





Instructional Technology Travels across the Curriculum



Microsoft
Office 365

Arts and the
Humanities

STEM

And, More!

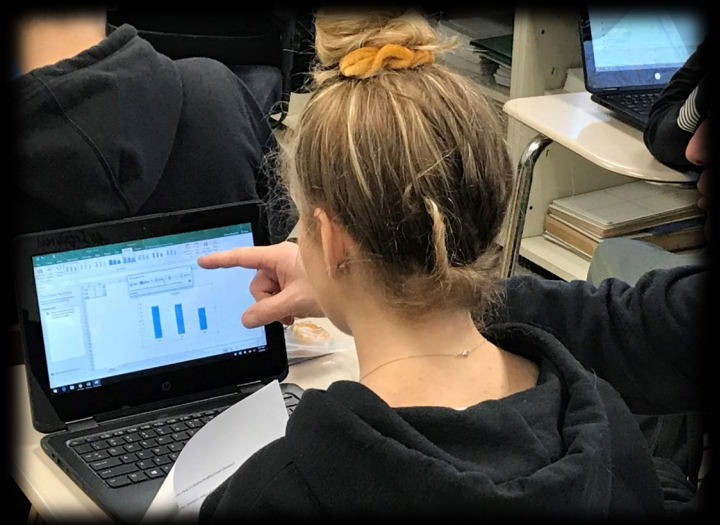
A photograph of a classroom where students are seated at desks with computer monitors. The room is lit by overhead fluorescent lights. A semi-transparent black box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text. Another semi-transparent black box is overlaid on the right side, containing a list of five bullet points in white text.

New Ways for Students to Connect with their World

- ❑ IB Global Politics classes compete in the “nation building” game with students across the state
- ❑ Sports Medicine classes diagnose injuries using virtual renderings
- ❑ Classes use devices to access scholarly databases for research that before would have required a library reservation
- ❑ IB science students use devices to collect and manipulate data all around the building for their Internal Assessments
- ❑ Environment classes use the sand table to recreate naturally occurring geographic phenomena



What Teachers Say...



“Language and Culture classes can take personalized 360° tours through Latin America.”

“Utilizing the interactive software with some of the AP courses has been a win!”

“The use of virtual field trips has benefited our students.”

“Utilizing the devices with the checkpoints allows for an easier mastery approach.”

“Student presentations are better because they have time in class to work on them.”



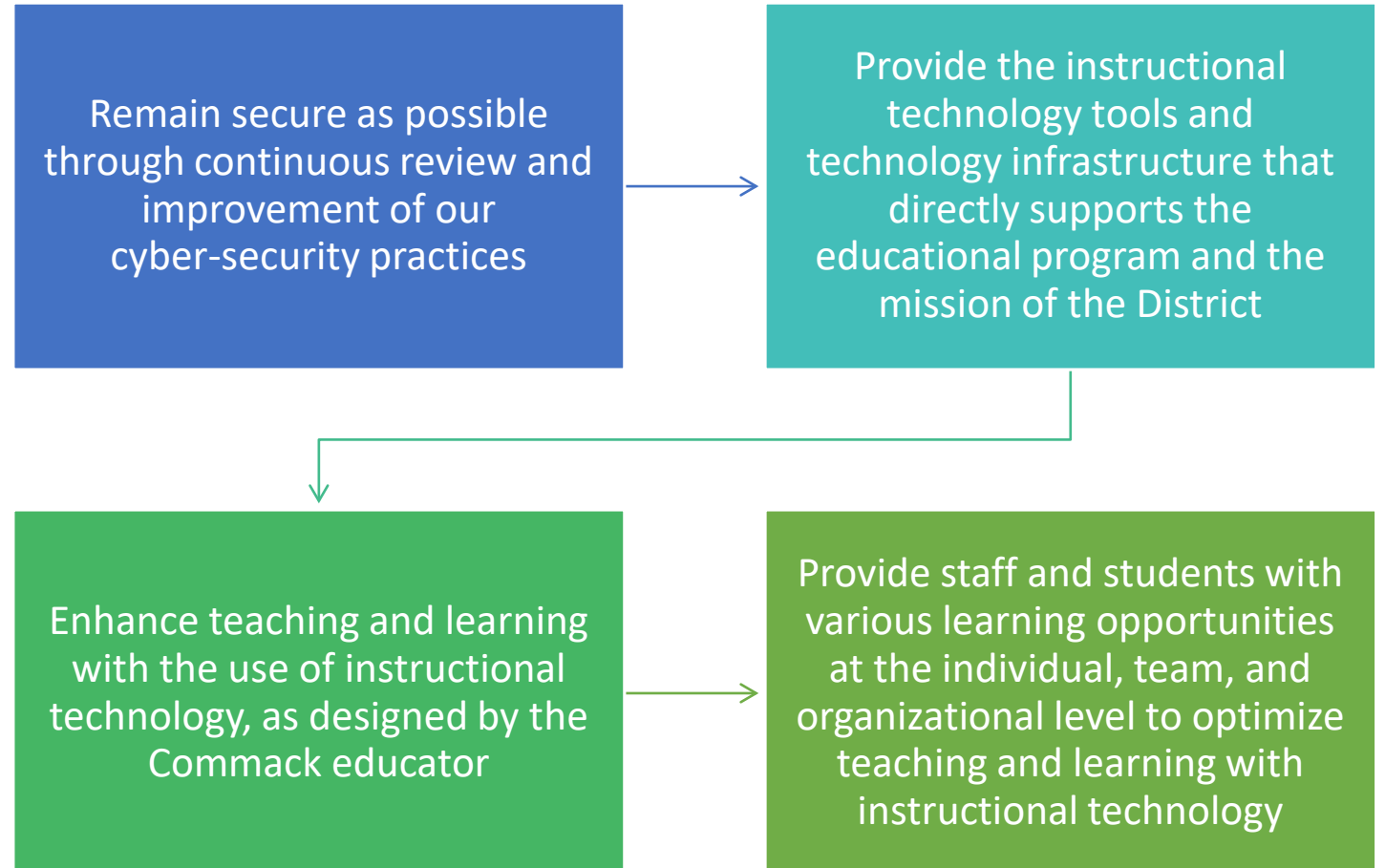
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District-Wide Technology Infrastructure, Inventory, and Cyber-Security

JOSE SANTIAGO

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATE FOR INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Instructional Technology Department: Guiding Principles





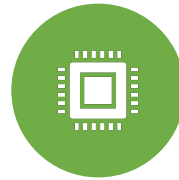
Continuing District-Wide Infrastructure Enhancement and Development



Server Upgrades



Upgrades to Interior Fiber Optic Connections for Increased Speeds (Bond)




Update Various Core Network Switches (CHS, CMS, Burr, Sawmill)



Device Management and Inventory Tools

BOCES Multi-Year Technology Lease

 **2019–2020**

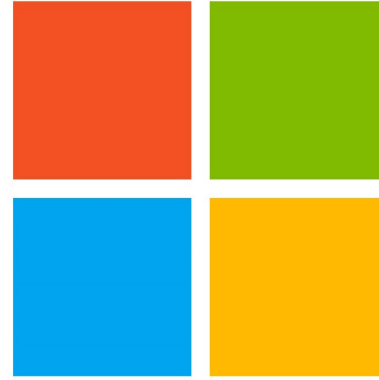
Computer labs in CHS and CMS will be replaced. Existing lab devices will be upgraded and redeployed to Teacher workstations.

We will replace computer labs in Primary and Intermediate schools.

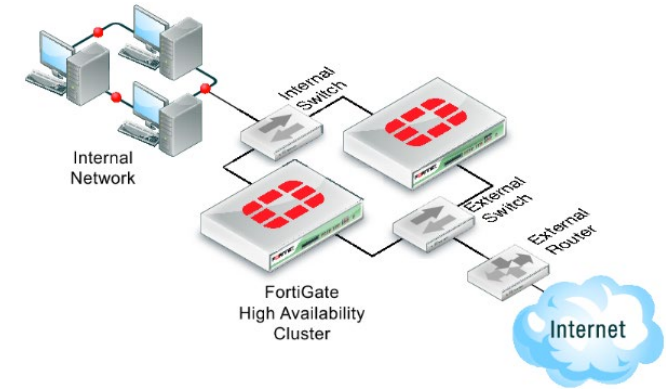
 **2020–2021**

By using the BOCES Lease Program we pay only 50 cents on the dollar. Our machines are half price.

FORTINET®



Microsoft



Cyber-Security: Continuous Review and Improvement

Evaluating Current
Anti-virus Solution

Ongoing
Maintenance And
Improvements To
Fortinet Firewall

Working With
Partners To Ensure
Network Efficiency
And Security

Staff Cyber-
security Training
(Continued)

A GROWING Device Inventory

As of January 2020, the Instructional Technology Department manages **7,803** “devices” daily. By this time next year, it is anticipated that this department will manage nearly **10,000*** “devices” daily.

*Additional devices may be added!

		Current	To Be Added	Total
Non-Instructional	“Office” Computers	467	-	467
	iPads (Elementary and Special Education)	224	500	724
	Classroom-PC	1,079	-	1,079
	LCD-TV	18	-	18
	Classroom-Mac	23	-	23
	Library	138	-	138
	Instructional	Classroom Laptops (CHS)	1,230	-
Classroom Laptops (CMS)		0	1,250	1,250
Labs		721	-	721
COWs-PC		881	-	881
Chromebooks		534	-	534
District-Wide Total		5,315	1,750	7,065

	Total
Printers	595
Interactive Whiteboards	474
Projectors	473
Servers	26
Switches	69
Wireless Access Points	478
Cameras	331
Door Access	42
Total “Other” Devices	2,488

Other

Short-Term and Long-Term Instructional Technology Planning

Short-Term

- Cyber security
 - Network hardening
- Working with our partners to ensure best practices are in place
- BOCES lease program
 - Computer labs (CHS, CMS)
- Professional development
 - Technology coaches

Long-Term

- Budgeting for sustainability (additional/increase to BOCES lease program)
- Outfitting classrooms not funded by smart schools
- Curriculum development
- Ongoing professional development
- Continuous review and improvement



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Committee Reports

Legislative Advocacy Committee Updates

The last Legislative Advocacy Meeting was held on Thursday, December 12, 2019.

The committee continues to work on the District's platform which will be utilized at Lobby Day in Albany scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

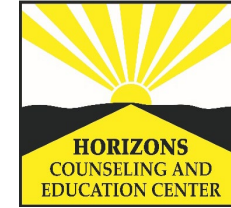
The platform items include position statements on:

- School Funding
- School Safety
- Vaping
- Alternate Pathways to Graduation
- Mental Health

Upcoming Actions: The next Legislative Advocacy Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2020.



Vaping Task Force Update



Update: Next Meeting February 4, 2020

Coming soon: presentations for Commack Middle School and High School parents.

Task Force Members:

Dr. Donald A. James Superintendent of Schools

Amy J. Ryan Assistant Superintendent for CIA

Jarrett Behar Board of Education

Jordan Cox Executive Director of Instructional Services

Leslie Boritz Principal Commack High School

Michael Larson Principal Commack Middle School

Andrea Allen Assistant Principal, Commack High School

Evelyn Cárdenas Assistant Principal, Commack Middle School

Wendy Frankonis Teacher, Commack High School

Kimberly Radziul Social Worker, Commack High School

Jeff DiLorenzo Counselor, Commack Middle School

Christine Wright Nurse

Christopher Guiffre Security

Five Parent Participants

Student Participants

Strategic Planning Commission

Next meeting: January 29, 2020 4:30 p.m.

Topic: The student success committee will provide an update on focus group conversations

Focus Group Conversations Calendar Community, Faculty, Student Participation

Group	Date	Location	Time
CHS PTA Exec. Board	January 14, 2020	CHS	8:00 A.M.
Administrative Council	January 14, 2020	Hubbs	10:00 A.M.
Office of Student Life	January 14, 2020	CHS	2:30 P.M.
CMS Lead Teachers	January 22, 2020	CMS	8:00 A.M.
CMS Students	January 22, 2020	CMS	9:30 A.M.
Sawmill Staff	January 23, 2020	Sawmill	8:15 A.M.
Sawmill Students	January 23, 2020	Sawmill	9:00 A.M.
CHS Lead Teachers	January 28, 2020	CHS	7:30 A.M.
CHS Students	January 28, 2020	CHS	2:30 P.M.
Burr Staff	January 29, 2020	Burr	8:30 A.M.
Burr Students	January 29, 2020	Burr	9:15 A.M.
CHS Students	February 12, 2020	CHS	2:30 P.M.
IH/NR Staff	February 27, 2020	Indian Hollow	8:40 A.M.
RH/WP Staff	March 4, 2020	Rolling Hills	8:40 A.M.

SWOT

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats




Essential Overarching Questions

From the lens of this Focus Group, please consider the following:



Conversation Starters

What are the most important conversations we can have to bring your voices into the strategic planning process?



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- What is and what should be distinctive about Commack's curriculum? Is the curriculum accessible to all?
- I'd like to convene a conversation about how we can make sure we are addressing the needs of ALL learners.
- I want to talk about collaboration and professional development for faculty.
- I want to talk about bringing more real-world application into students' education.
- How can we make our use of technology more impactful?
- I'd like to talk about our kids' social and emotional health.
- I would like to discuss the skills needed for students to be successful while in the Commack schools and after they graduate?
- Considering trends the jobs our students will have in the future; how could we change or redesign the learning experiences of our students?