



Annual Operating Plan Technology – 2019-20

We will provide secure and reliable learning environments that will allow students and staff to use technology in an effective and seamless manner.

Goal: Increase staff knowledge and usage of the technology available for teaching, learning and workplace applications to improve student achievement outcomes.

Focus on leveraging technology tools and resources to promote learning and communication.

(Responsibility: Superintendent of Education (L. Munro), Manager of IT, Educational Technology Team)

Strategies (What will we do?)	Prioritize and begin the strategic implementation of the recommendations made through the IBM Board Learning Plan Leveraging Digital.
Evidence of Progress (How well did we do it?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of Learning Council to inform the Ed Tech Plan • Review and prioritize goals based on the February 2019 report recommendations • Create an educational technology plan for the Board that will ensure technology is embedded and embraced by educators, and is an integral part of the teaching and learning of the Board’s key achievement priorities • Develop next steps for communication to inform stakeholders of the updated learning plan
Status (Is anyone better off? How do we know?)	

Goal: Use an up-to-date technology platform (D2L, Brightspace and O365) to support student achievement.
Goal: Provide a single, secure, Ministry of Education approved platform for families to receive communication.

Focus on the implementation of a secure communication platform for parents/guardians. Support educators’ understanding and usage of a virtual learning environment to improve student achievement outcomes.

(Responsibility: Superintendent of Education (L. Munro), Information Technology Services Management Team, Educational Technology Team)

Strategies (What will we do?)	Launch the Parent Portal and Brightspace platform across the Grand Erie District School Board.
Evidence of Progress (How well did we do it?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a plan for the incremental launch of the Parent Portal/ Brightspace model at Elementary and Secondary schools across the district complete by May 2020 • Track the number of families using the Parent Portal • Track the number of educators using Brightspace • Collect feedback from families on their Portal Experience • Communicate resources to the system on best practices using the Parent Portal and Brightspace
Status (Is anyone better off? How do we know?)	

Goal: Ensure ongoing, equitable and reliable access to technology for all classrooms and educators.
Goal: Create a financially sustainable plan for the deployment of up-to-date technology.

Focus on the process for implementing a sustainable plan to refresh classroom and educator devices.

(Responsibility: Superintendent of Education (L. Munro), Information Technology Services Management Team)

Strategies (What will we do?)	Implement a robust technology refresh schedule that will ensure well performing devices are consistently in place for classrooms and educators.
Evidence of Progress (How well did we do it?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of one third of all teacher-issued and classroom devices with leased devices, beginning with the oldest devices in use • Reduced IT inventory of spare parts set aside for device repairs • Decrease in the number of work orders required for devices
Status (Is anyone better off? How do we know?)	