

The scope of the assessment is to acknowledge the current network and make recommendations on critical areas that need replacement, upgrades, or redesign. Over the next 5 years the district plans to evaluate the direction of school networks and how technology will develop. The current economic future at least for the next three years will dictate the direction of technology in public schools. Weyauwega Fremont School District is seeking an overall evaluation and assessment of the network that will not only determine future infrastructure design, but also the management hours to monitor, maintain, and upgrade the shifting need in a mobile economy.

The vogue terms like cloud computing, 1:1 initiative, thinclient; VMware, and others should be part of the assessment. The district is not interested in current trends and following the latest bandwagon, but to solutions that will best meet the district and its surrounding community. Student Management Systems is the main operating systems within the network and a strong consideration during the evaluation period. Currently, both student management and financial operations are running under the same platform.

The cost of maintaining equipment and running operations is also a factor during this assessment. Many assessments cover the technology, but leave out the cost of doing business and the labor to manage the overall systems. More and more equipment require hands on maintenance. Monitoring the network hours are crucial to its scope of operations. A comprehensive plan to maintain disaster recovery, security reports, monitoring of phone, email, archiving, databases, redundancy of critical equipment and systems and different methods of backup technology are increasingly getting expensive. Many firms offer to run operations offsite, but do not adequately meet the needs of all these systems. Extensive reports are required to the district on a monthly basis to cover statistical information.

Posting information on Weyauwega Fremont School District's website will be updated on regular bases of ongoing correspondence blog. Proposals will be posted for review. The contact people will be Tony Jaworski, IT Coordinator, and/or Scott Bleck District Administrator.