

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { X } ACTION { } CLOSED MEETING { }

SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT’S PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

One-to-One Technology Initiative – Mr. Ozols

BACKGROUND: Bath County Public Schools have continued to implement a 1:1 laptop computer program begun last year. This year, all students in grades 7-12 have a school issued computer that they will use to complete their school work. The computers allow the student to have access to digital materials both in school and at home. Teachers can push files out to the students while they are in school so that students who have no or limited access to the internet at home still have access to the digital materials that they need to be successful in their classes.

One area that prospective employers across the state and country feel that graduating students need is in the area of computer skills. Our 1:1 program helps our students gain these skills. In addition, our laptops, combined with our writing program, should help our students develop better writing skills. Communication, especially digital communication, is another area of need that Virginia employers are seeing with entry level employees. The need for better communication competencies is emphasized in the Workplace Readiness Skills that are a designated part of the CTE program and this need is being addressed in our schools as a whole.