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End of School Year Brief Update for Summer Considerations

Annual Tech Survey:

There have been some notifications made in person about delivering out our ed tech annual survey again this spring to collect data from the school year that is just passing, 2010-11. This survey has been DELAYED on our end because of an unknown in one of the questions the Federal USDOE has changed. This is a required question, so we are holding the survey until they release the final language on it. It is anticipated that we will send the survey out over the summer, (mid July hoped) and then allow until September 15 for completion. The VTDOE must submit results to USDOE around Sept. 30. If you check your email regularly over the summer, please be aware that it is coming. A major point of contact for us here on the survey will be your CFP coordinator as many of those positions are year round and we can assume they will get the survey to the folks needed to complete it.

AUP:

This has been long in coming, but the Vermont School Boards Association has completed their final review of the work that was begun with a small committee some time ago and they assure me that by July 4, there will be a new AUP guidance up at the VTVSBA website. We will pass along that link when it is live. There is more work probably needed on this topic coming up as we see more happening with local programs allowing student-owned devices and the coming wave of personal devices that students are using. Social media policy guidance is also needed.

Technology Plans:

We have an update/new season coming on Technology Plans. The office of Education Technology is very aware of this and trying to move this process into our electronic grants management system. This way, schools could submit plans and generate letters of approval from the system. The summer will be the time set aside for developing this. We'll keep you informed as to the process and how to comply with your requirements on E-rate. Currently, we are anticipating an "extension period" of our current plans as there are some things in the works that may impact the state plan in significant ways this fall.

Broadband and Connectivity:

There is a very active landscape out there right now concerning all things broadband. "Letters of Intent", Grant offerings, new entities, DOE work with ENA, there are many things happening. A meeting with the superintendents association has been planned in the next couple of weeks to try to provide some guidance on all of this. VTDOE legal is reviewing letters of intent at this point as well. Many exciting offerings are out there and we want to provide encouragement and guide schools to the best choices.