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[Tuckahoe] At the December 7, 2015 Board of Education workshop the Tuckahoe Union Free School District administrators and technology team presented an update on the district's strategic plan in the area of Technology Teaching Tools.

The district has implemented a wide range of technology initiatives since the start of the strategic plan, most significantly, the deployment of a 1:1 environment in grades 3-12 in which every student is assigned a Chromebook and classroom cart-based devices in grades K-2. Beyond the physical differences in the classroom, this environment has facilitated an expansion of traditional classroom instruction and learning through the integration of a variety of programs at every grade level including Reading Wonders, ABC Mouse, Go Math, Problem Attic, Khan Academy, coding and more. Additionally, Tuckahoe High School has increased its offerings by permitting students to enroll in online courses through AccelerateU. In response to this augmentation, technology-related skill benchmarks have been developed including a continued integration of digital literacy into core curricula as well as ongoing alignment to National Educational Technology Standards by grade level.

Teachers have been quick to embrace technology in the classroom. All teachers currently maintain their own websites and many are also utilizing Google Classroom as a course management tool. Having built internal capacity through partnership with BOCES, two teacher peer mentors, James Moore and Cathy Gmoser, are now providing technology integration professional development to faculty on a daily basis. These individuals provide assistance in streamlining processes such as enabling easier password administration for elementary students, coaching on teacher websites and Google classroom, as well as spearheading new opportunities through Google Apps for Education and other programs. The combination of these resources has, in many cases, allowed teachers to deliver blended learning. These tools help to make the classroom learning more vivid and engage students more effectively in the lessons. Students are also acquiring 21st century technology skills.

Tuckahoe has become a leader in the area of educational technology integration. The district has been observed by other districts, hosted product development representatives from Samsung, participated in the national Hour of Code movement, joined the pioneer program for beta testing of a Google App for Education entitled Google Expeditions in addition to being invited to Google headquarters in New York City. The district continues looking forward as well. A technology committee will reconvene under the leadership of TMS Principal Ellen McDonnell to examine key areas such as the use of Smart Schools Grant funds. In keeping with the district mission of preparing every student for excellence, the district is continuously evaluating new classroom applications and discussions are ongoing regarding STEAM and online course offerings, device life cycles as well as digital citizenship. In 2014-15 the district was given the "Pioneer Award" by the Southern Westchester BOCES Regional Information Center. This award was for Tuckahoe Schools' innovation in educational technology. Before making technology a priority in the district's strategic plan in 2013, Tuckahoe schools had been lagging in this area. Today, technology teaching tools have become cutting edge throughout the district.

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