To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Terri Bresnahan, Director of Technology

Date: December 10, 2012

Subject: Board Advanced Technology Committee Membership

Background
As envisioned in the District 64 Strategic Plan, the goal of the new Board Advanced Technology Committee is to research best practices related to technology in education and report findings to the Board of Education. The work of this committee will help guide the future of technology in District 64. Innovations such as 1:1 laptop or iPad initiatives, e-textbooks, and online learning communities will be possible areas for action research by this committee.

The District 64 Technology Implementation Committee (TIC), comprised solely of current staff members, meets regularly to provide input for ongoing technology planning. In contrast, the focus of BATC is to provide a more outward and global perspective to help accelerate our technology initiatives.

Communication
Through multiple forms of communication, the District announced membership openings for the Board Advanced Technology Committee. Flyers were shared via school newsletters, a news release was distributed to local media, an announcement was featured on our website, and an all-parent email notification was sent via the District's new SchoolMessenger communication system. The deadline was set for December 3, 2012 for interested community members to submit letters of interest.

The community response was overwhelming with a total of 56 persons stepping forward to serve. This strong response to the opportunity to serve on the BATC demonstrates the District 64 community's keen interest in the future of technology as it relates to supporting student learning. We were thrilled to have volunteers with a wide variety of technical backgrounds and representation across grade levels and school buildings.

Membership Selection
The extensive pool of highly qualified candidates made the selection process difficult. Dr. Bender and I worked collaboratively to ensure an equitable balance of skills, grade levels, and school buildings. We also made the decision to increase the number of community members to serve on the committee as a result of this enthusiastic response. We originally estimated having five community representatives, but have since increased the number to 12.

Staff members now serving on the Technology Implementation Committee have also offered to be a part of the BATC. In total, there will be 9 staff members and 5 administrators who will participate in the work of this committee.

In addition to the working members of the committee, there will also be several liaisons to serve as resources for the BATC.

Committee Work

The BATC will convene for its first meeting on **Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the ESC lower level conference room.

The objectives for the BATC are as follows:
- Review current state of technology in District 64
- Research best practices related to technology in education
- Compare technology initiatives in comparable districts
- Survey parents and students to determine technology use in the home
- Develop long-range plan for technology in District 64
- Formulate and present recommendations to the Board of Education

The timeline for this committee's work is as follows:
- December 10, 2012: Announce members of BATC
- January 10, 2013: Convene for first committee meeting
- January-March: Team action research
- April 8: Present recommendations to the Board of Education
- April 22: Board to take action on committee recommendations

Committee Members

It is with great pleasure that I announce the following individuals to serve on the Board Advanced Technology Committee:

Co-Facilitators:
Dr. Phil Bender, Superintendent
Dr. Terri Bresnahan, Director of Technology

Members:

District 64 Staff:
Allison Blum, Technologist (RO)
Sue Herman, Technologist (LI)
Dr. Lori Hinton, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning
Franny Keyes, Teacher (LI)
Jason Mata, Teacher (FI)
Barbie Murphy, Speech Language (JE)
Dr. Tony Murray, Principal (LI)
Caroline Schaab, Instructional Technology Coach (RO)
Nancy Sweeney, Teacher (FR)
Jon Urbanski, Manager of Technology
Amanda Walsh, Instructional Technology Coach (LI)
Dan Walsh, Principal (FR)

Community Members:
Scott Altman, Parent (WA, LI)
Bill Basquin, Parent (JE, RO)
Paul Brown, Parent (CA)
Carrie De La Cruz, Parent (FR)
Sara Greiner-Carolan, Parent (FR)

Kendra Griffin, Parent (LI)
Dave Iffland, Parent (FI, EM)
David Langlands, Parent (RO)
Paul McCarthy, Parent (WA)
Doug Miller, Parent (CA)
Janice Oliva, Parent (WA)
Tony Sivore, Parent (FI, EM)

Liaisons:
Hank Thiele, Director of Technology Maine 207
Bernadette Tramm, District 64 Public Information Coordinator
Scott Zimmerman, District 64 Board of Education Vice President