

Case Study Echo – The Audit

The setting:

Lone Cloud Community School District is a medium sized district with approximately 1200 students in four school buildings. It is in a suburban/rural area and the schools cover three small towns. The district employs 143 staff members of all types. You have a wide area network and each building is networked. Each school has computers in most classrooms, but some of the computers are more than five years old. The district's test scores are a little lower than one would expect for a suburban district, but that has in the past been blamed on a growing migrant Hispanic population and a large special education program.

Lone Cloud Community School District has come under new leadership. Dr. Jo Hollingsworth has been brought in to be an agent of change. The school board feels that there are a number of areas in which the district is lagging behind. You are the technology director and at least so far, the board has not been concerned about technology. Dr. Jo's secretary called you today and has asked to set up an appointment to discuss a technology audit of the district. She wants you to bring in an outline of the areas that should be assessed and what key questions should be asked regarding each facet of technology in the school district.

Your next steps:

Prepare a memo that the superintendent can share with the board that outlines the areas you believe should be included in the audit. Include a rationale for why each issue should be addressed.