Let’s BRAG (Bring About Robust Achievement Gains) About our Schools!

_Grant Project Update, August, 2015 (1st year Summary)_

**Greater Share of Resources in the Classroom**

620 Chromebooks purchased with covers and cases distributed to students 9/15. Twelve 10” Google Nexus Tablets, keyboards and cases distributed to students with severe disabilities. Students and teachers preferred Chromebooks. Tablets were assigned to computer classes and intervention specialist for data collection and projects. Wireless infrastructure upgrade completed and bandwidth increased to 100 meg 9/15.

In June, 2015 remaining grant funds of $34,225 were used to buy new chromebook cases, equipment replacements for damage during the first year, and replacement parts to sustain over the life of the grant. Current chromebook cases do not have compartments to hold supplies. Replacement parts include 73 chromebooks, 60 screens, 60 chargers and 15 keyboards.

**Savings**

- Total paper savings 2014/2015 compared to prior year: $2,077.50
- Total copier savings 2014/2015 compared to prior year: $9,274.75
- Reduction in county purchased services: $50,752.
- Total 1st Year Savings: $62,104

**School Business Partnership App**

Ohio State University Center for Enterprise Transformation and Innovation in collaboration with Delphos City Schools currently has app available for download. Most recent meeting on 8/4/15, app is functional for scheduling, accepting and confirming events between schools and business partners. App will be in testing phase with teachers and students for first month of school year with goal for app to be released on Google Play to be downloaded on Android devices at the end of September, 2015. OSU is currently working on functionality of mascot shares through social media and will most likely be a feature in a later version of the app. Once Android version is released, OSU CETI will work on Apple IOS version to be released during the 2015-2016 school year on iTunes.

Delphos Jefferson High School held a School Business Partnership Summit on 5/26/15. School Business Partners were invited to speak to students. Partners held small sessions with students on topics of “Positive Digital Footprints”, “Financial Saving for your Future”, “21st Century Job Skills”, and “Human Resources and Interviewing”. Motivational speaker Bruce Bugowskki spoke to students on “Achieving your Dreams”. OSU CETI spoke to students on the School Business Partnership App and was interviewed by the local news, WLIO.

**Grant Advisory Board (GAB) and Professional Development**

Grant Advisory Board (GAB) Meetings:

7/16/14, 8/4/14, 9/2/14, 9/30/14, 11/10/14, 11/17/14, 2/13/15, 3/10/15, 5/20/15, 6/23/15

GAB completed train the trainer on NWEA MAP assessments on 9/30/14. GAB provided MAP training after school to faculty on 10/7, 10/21 and 10/22.

Odysseyware training provided to staff on August 15, 2014. Teachers were able to use Odysseyware curriculum and resources for blended learning. Students were able to earn 41.5 credits through electives and credit recovery during the 2014-2015 school year on their Chromebooks during study halls and outside of the normal school day.
Twelve teachers at Delphos City Schools achieved Google Educator status by passing five exams over Gmail, Chromebook Apps, Google Calendar, Google Sites, and Google Drive Apps. One teacher achieved Google Certified Teacher (now Google Certified Innovator) by attending Google Teacher Academy at Google Fiber in San Antonio, TX, December 2014. Students have created various Google Apps instructional video on school YouTube channel, linked from school website. Google Classroom implemented and used as free learning management system and Google drive interface in for over 100 classrooms in grades 6-12. Google Classroom and Drive also used for faculty professional development. Teachers have collaborated and implemented Google apps and extensions for LPDC records and certifications, Special Education records and Intervention Assistance Teams. Chromebook apps and extensions for special needs students provided to faculty at District Special Education meeting on 11/3/14. District elementary staff has become interested in utilizing Google Apps. Grades K-5 staff were not part of the grant project, however a Google Apps training was conducted with interested District elementary staff on 6/2/15.

Over 60 students earned $8,000 from Google for completing a 15 hour Intro to Javascript Course through Khan Academy. The funds were used for laptops, cameras, a cash register, lighting, backdrops, etc. to start a school news broadcast program and school spirit store for the 2015-2016 school year. This opportunity would not have been possible without student chromebooks and faster, more reliable school Wi-Fi.

New school website created to encourage better communication with stakeholders. Principals use Google Docs for announcements and parent newsletters published automatically to school website. Google Educator contact information, Google Communities and educational hash tags and learning networks listed and linked on new school website. All grant materials accessible and available for reproduction for other school districts to replicate grant project in their districts including: Chromebook Care, Google and Chromebook FAQ's, Chromebook Loan Agreement, Google Safety Facts, and Google Cheat Sheets and Guides.

Delphos City Schools presented on Grant and Google Apps implementation at the Google sponsored, Chromebook Institute held in Canton, Ohio on 10/25 and 10/26.

Grant Advisory Board presented grant project at Ohio Educational Technology Conference (Etech), 2/11/15, Columbus, Ohio. GAB was interviewed about the grant project and conference plans by Edutekkie YouTube channel.

Delphos City Schools helped sponsor and present at the NW Ohio Technology Conference, held at Vantage Career Center, held on June 15 & 16, 2015. Over 200 educators from NW Ohio, including 16 Delphos City School teachers in attendance. Delphos teacher presentations:
1. Assistive Technology and Differentiation using Google Apps for Education (GAFE)
2. Google Forms Beyond the Basics
3. Video Content Creation (YouTube and Google Apps and Extensions)
4. Easy Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) using GAFE
5. Grant Opportunities
6. Photo Editing using Pixlr

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**Parent Survey**

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<tr>
<td>How Would you describe your technology skills?</td>
<td>95% Avg to Advanced</td>
<td>91% Avg to Advanced</td>
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<tr>
<td>Technology is critical to learning.</td>
<td>97% Agree to Strongly Agree</td>
<td>91% Agree to Strongly Agree</td>
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<td>My Child has adequate tech skills.</td>
<td>86% Agree to Strongly Agree</td>
<td>91% Agree to Strongly Agree</td>
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<td>My child’s access to technology at Delphos City Schools is currently</td>
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<td>adequate and comparable to students within other school districts.</td>
<td>54% Agree to Strongly Agree</td>
<td>100% Agree to Strongly Agree</td>
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<td>My child is encouraged to use technology at school and at home to</td>
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<td>complete class assignments, projects, etc.</td>
<td>85% Agree to Strongly Agree</td>
<td>100% Agree to Strongly Agree</td>
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<td>Delphos City Schools uses technology for regular communication with</td>
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<td>our home (web pages, email, social media).</td>
<td>85% Agree to Strongly Agree</td>
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### Community Survey

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<td>Do you feel Delphos City School students are prepared to enter the workforce with the level of technology training they received throughout their education?</td>
<td>75% Avg to Above Avg</td>
<td>100% Avg to Above Avg</td>
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<td>Do you feel the Delphos City School system has adequate technology in comparison to the workplace environment?</td>
<td>65% yes</td>
<td>60% yes</td>
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<td>At what grade level do you feel technology should be introduced and taught in the typical classroom?</td>
<td>Grade School K-5: 19.05%</td>
<td>Grade School K-5: 60%</td>
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<td>Middle School 6-8: 23.81%</td>
<td>Middle School 6-8: 20%</td>
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<td>High School 9-12: 9.52%</td>
<td>High School 9-12: 0%</td>
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<td>All of the above: 61.90%</td>
<td>All of the above: 20%</td>
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<td>Delphos City Schools implemented a School Business Partnership with local companies and businesses. What roles did you witness students from Delphos City Schools fill during the 2014-2015 school year?</td>
<td>Perform community service: 100.00%</td>
<td>Perform community service: 33.33%</td>
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<td>Assist in local civic organization activities: 33.33%</td>
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<td>Lead demonstrations and learning activities: 0.00%</td>
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<td>Job shadowing: 33.33%</td>
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### Student Survey

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<td>How often do you use a computer in school?</td>
<td>Daily 58.9%</td>
<td>Daily 89%</td>
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<td>How familiar are you with Google Apps?</td>
<td>Somewhat to Very Familiar: 89%</td>
<td>Somewhat to Very Familiar: 97%</td>
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<td>On average, how many hours per week</td>
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<td>Do you use your Chromebook outside of School for school work?</td>
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<td></td>
<td>More than 5 hours</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>2 to 3 hours</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>1-2 hours</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Less than 1 hour</td>
<td>38%</td>
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<td>How many classes per school day do you typically use your Chromebook?</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Every class</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td></td>
<td>5-6 Classes</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>3-4 Classes</td>
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<td>2-3 Classes</td>
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<td>0-1 Classes</td>
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### Teacher Survey

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<td>Rate your use of Google Classroom on a scale from 1-5 with 1 being used rarely and 5 being used daily.</td>
<td>5: 15.6%</td>
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Rate the use of Google Docs in your classroom on a scale of 1-5 with 1 being rarely and 5 being used daily

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<th>Scale</th>
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<td>5</td>
<td>21.9%</td>
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<td>12.5%</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>12.5%</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>37.5%</td>
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Based on grant initiatives:

- 80.6% of teachers report: “I receive and respond to emails from students outside of the normal school day”
- 77.4% of teachers report: “I have used Google Apps such as Gmail, Chat, Google Hangout etc. for teacher collaboration”
- 61.3% of teachers report: “Students are able to complete assignments I have listed in Google Classroom when they are absent”
- 54.8% of teachers report: “I receive lesson submissions from students outside of the normal school day”
- 51.6% of teachers report: “I have used Chromebook Apps, Extensions, Tools, etc. to differentiate instruction”
- 51.6% of teachers report: “I regularly collaborate with teachers in and outside of my building sharing tech ideas and strategies”
- 48.4% of teachers report: “I notice and am happy with the increased wireless speed within the school building”
- 12.9% of teachers report: “I receive lesson submissions from students outside of the normal school day”
- 9.7% of teachers report: “I have used Odysseyware course sections in my class”

**Student Achievement**

Typing – All students grades 6-12 took typing on their Chromebooks during the 2014-2015 school year. Average typing speed at end of year was 28.4 words per minute with 95.7% accuracy.

**NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Scores:**

### September 2014 to May 2015 Growth per Grade

**Based on Student NWEA Map Data**

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### Math Growth Chart

### Reading Growth Chart
Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)

Students scoring proficient or better in all 5 OGT subjects:

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<td>Reading</td>
<td>85%</td>
<td>88%</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Math</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<td>Writing</td>
<td>84%</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>(1%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Science</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Social Studies</td>
<td>88%</td>
<td>85%</td>
<td>(3%)</td>
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State Average = 67% 2014/2015 School Year

State Average = 85%

Math (State Average = 81%)

Writing (State Average 84%)

Science (State Average 73%)

Social Studies (State Average 80%)

MAP achievement data is a more consistent measure, testing the same students in the fall and spring.

 Grant Press & Social Media

Delphos City Schools
June 23
Community Members - If you have a couple minutes and would like to participate in our survey, click the link below. We are measuring the success of our first year of the Straight A Grant that allowed us to upgrade wireless and give all our students Chromebooks in grades 6-12. Thank you!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K6M8589

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Delphos City Schools
June 23
Copy of Delphos City Schools Parent Survey - End of Year 1
Web survey powered by SurveyMonkey.com. Create your own online survey now with SurveyMonkey’s expert certified FREE templates.

Kevin Wolfe @SupWolfe · Sep 5
The High School students are excited to get their Chromebooks today!

Kevin Wolfe @SupWolfe · Aug 27
The Chromebooks are in! The students will be getting them soon.
Delphos City Schools

June 15

DCS teachers spent the last two days enhancing their education technology skills with over 200 area teachers at the Northwest Ohio Technology Conference. We helped sponsor with Vantage. #wohlotech

Delphos City Schools

February 11

Our teachers being interviewed in Columbus at the Ohio Educational Technology Conference, the largest P-20 state educational technology conference in the nation. Each year, more than 5,000 educators come together to explore the forefront of P-20 learning and innovation in Ohio.

#Edutekkie Interview teachers from Delphos City Schools

These teachers will talk about their upcoming presentations about Google Chromebook rollout and their conference takeaways.

Delphos City Schools

Today we celebrated our Straight A Grant through a School Business Summit. All students received cake and ice cream, and spent the afternoon in sessions on Following Your Dreams, 21st Century Skills, Positive Social Media, Human Resource Trends, Finance... See More

Kevin Wolfe @SuptWolfe

Feb 11

Our teachers being interviewed at the OTEC in Columbus! #proud.

m.youtube.com/watch?v=H33Mua...

Kevin Wolfe @SuptWolfe

Aug 15

Our teachers getting Odysseusware on-line training to provide our students more educational options. #alwayslearning

Kevin Wolfe @SuptWolfe

23 Jun 2014

Every student in grades 6-12 will have a Chromebook next school year thanks to the efforts of Mrs. McClurg and the Straight A Grant! #excited
Mrs. McClurg, Mr. Westrick, Mrs. Siebeneck, Mr. McElroy after presenting on the BRAG at the annual OTEC in Columbus. http://t.co/4pYtB6N1bc

Kevin Wolfe (@SuptWolfe) posted a photo on Twitter
Get the whole picture - and other photos from Kevin Wolfe

Delphos City Schools
February 11 -

Delphos City Schools
March 6 - Edited

Delphos City Schools
February 9 -

7th grade students have been exploring electric circuits using their Chromebooks, laptops, volt meters, batteries, light bulbs and electric wires.

Delphos City Schools
February 9 -

Delphos City Schools Straight A Grant Update
February 5, 2015 update on how Delphos has implemented our Straight A Grant for the first 5 months of our project

Delphos City Schools
February 5 -

Thanks to Andy North for talking to our 4th graders about budgets & investing! It’s never too early to teach children the importance of financial choices! #nevertooyoung

Budgets & Investing

Mike Hoffman, Curtis Hoersten, Diane Rostorfer and 8 others like this.

1 share

Kaden Smith, Curtis Hoersten, Megan Heoten and 10 others like this.

Kaden Smith, Bobbie Kohorst, Megan Heoten Ryan and 10 others like this.

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Delphos City Schools
January 30

Thank you to Brad Rostrofer, Patti Thompson, Gregg McClung, and Scott Wiltse for helping with some of our high school mock interviews today!

Mock Interviews
Practice & Feedback
Thanks to Mr. Rostrofer, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. McClung & Mr. Wiltse.

Delphos City Schools
January 13

Welcome Delphos Canal Commission, a new School Business Partner!

Delphos Canal Commission

Kailey Abrams, Caleb Michael and 5 others like this.

Write a comment...

240
People Reached
26% Below Average

35
Post Clicks

December 17, 2014

Middle school students in Mrs. Gabie’s Math Applications class having fun on their chromebooks #hourofcode

#hourofcode

Jamie Lucas, Kylie Rae and 14 others like this.

Write a comment...

Delphos City Schools Mr. Laman’s Science classes have been having fun with Google Motion, creating roller coasters and acting like entrepreneurs pitching their projects to the Class Shark Tank!

Like · Reply · 1 · December 17, 2014 at 8:42am

950
942
People Reached
18% Below Average

278
Post Clicks
Delphos Jefferson students kicked off Computer Science Education week today by using Google's Ngram viewer, an online graphing tool that charts the yearly count of selected n-grams (sequence of letters of any length) as found in over 5.2 million digitized books. Students searched and analyzed the historical trends on various topics such as Google vs Microsoft vs Apple, and typewriters vs computers vs laptops vs tablets.

Welcome Harter & Schier Funeral Home and United Equity as new DCS School Business Partners!

Teachers at the Middle and High school who have passed 5 of Google's exams to become "Google Educators" wore their shirts today for nerd day.

Thank you to our newest School Business Partners-Lakeview Farms, Vanamatic, Delphos Tent & Awning, Dick Clark Real Estate, and Intermedia 3!

Getting ready to present to the Delphos Community on our Straight A Grant! #movingforward
Thanks to Krista Schrader for speaking to our Transitions class today about the home buying process and welcome Schrader Realty to our School Business Partnership program!

We had lots of smiling faces today as 225 Chromebooks were distributed to our Middle School Students!

Jamie Lucas, Dawn Reed, Heather Nichole Brunswick and 79 others

Delphos City Schools They keep them through the school year, turn in over summer & get the same one back next year

Dick Clark That is awesome! Great Job Missy!

Kevin Wolfe @SuptWolfe May 26
Thank you Dick Clark, Andy North, Krista Schrader and Scott Wiltsie for sharing your expertise with our students at the high school today!

Kevin Wolfe @SuptWolfe May 26
Listening to Bruce Boguski of “The Winner’s Edge” kicking off the School Business Partnership Summit at DJHS
Delphos City Schools

Parent Meetings will be held this Tues 8/12 at 7:00 and Wed 8/13 at 10:00 for any students in grades 6-12 receiving Chromebooks. In order to meet the requirements of the Chromebook Policy, a parent/guardian of each student must meet with Mr. McElroy. It is our hope that you attend one of the group sessions.

Parent Chromebook Policy Meeting

Tues Aug 12 7:00  Wed Aug 13 10:00

At Jefferson Middle School

Delphos City Schools

Reminder that High School registration begins tomorrow for Seniors 9-11 and 12:30-2:30. Dress appropriately for pictures (shirt and tie). This picture does not have to be yearbook photo. Registration continues for Juniors/Tues, Sophomores/Wed, and Freshmen/Thurs same hours. Chromebook rental fees will be accepted starting tomorrow at the high school.

With the help of the Straight A Grant, all students in Grades 6-12 will have access to a Google Chromebook. Our hope is that all students in Grade 6-12 will take the opportunity to rent one for a minimal fee of $25 ($50 family cap) for the 14-15 school year. The rental fee will allow the student full access to a Chromebook allowing them to have it in the classroom and to take it home every day during the school year. The Chromebook will be a touchscreen tablet with a hard case provided. The $25 fee can be paid with cash or a check made out to the Delphos City Schools.
Six Ohio State education projects selected for Ohio Straight A Fund grants

By: Amy Murray
Published on June 24, 2014

- $512,000 to Delphos City Schools in Allen County for Let’s BRAG (Bring Robust Achievement Gains) about our Schools! The Ohio State-led project will increase student achievement by creating customizable core, elective and career technical education courses, driven by skill and concept mastery assessment and remediation tools. The project reduces administrative costs, improves the school’s wireless infrastructure and provides tablet computers to students.

The Ohio State University has become a leader in digital learning and will offer that expertise to teachers to integrate digital learning resources in their classrooms.

Delphos Jefferson students to get Chromebooks

By: Tricia Bell, Multimedia Video Journalist

The Delphos City School District is increasing technology through a major grant from a state fund created to encourage innovation and collaboration in the classroom.

The district is getting more than $511,080 in grants from the Straight A Grant program. Most of the money will be used to increase technology within the district. Nearly $250,000 will be spent on purchasing Google Chromebooks for every middle and high school student at Delphos Jefferson. Faculty members are currently completing online training to incorporate the technology into their lessons. Other funds will be spent on creating an app to foster partnerships between schools and the business community, on training, and on upgrading internet infrastructure.

The school will hold a town hall meeting concerning the grant at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Jefferson Middle School Library. Parents and community members will have a chance to discuss the grant and the new Chromebook policies.
Delphos Jefferson Investing In Mobile App

Delphos Jefferson High School is investing money into a mobile app with the goal of bringing the school and the community together.

The school partnered with Ohio State University to create the School Business App, which will create a platform for teachers, students, businesses and community members to communicate.

Delphos Jefferson received more than $500,000 for the Straight A grant, and are using $180,000 of that money to create this app.

The app will allow users to stay up-to-date with school events and how to participate, and students will be able to give feedback on speakers and other activities.

Developers say the app is expected to be up and running by the beginning of fall. And once ready, anyone can join, you just have to download the app.

McClurg outlines $511K grant; contract signed with teachers

Wednesday, July 16, 2014 12:00 AM

McClurg said the Chromebooks seemed like the best option because of their cost, ease of updating and the school is already using Google technologies. She also received letters of support from the Delphos Area Chamber of Commerce, Lima Allen County Chamber of Commerce, Allen County Economic Development Group and Ohio State University.

Professional development to bring teachers up to snuff with the new technology will take $50,000 of the grant. After teachers pass two modules of exams, they will be designated Google educators.

Ohio State University in Columbus will receive $140,000 to develop an app McClurg designed that will become an online reference. Dr. Rajiv Ramkoth, director of OSU's E-Practice Collaborative for Enterprise Transformation and Innovation will oversee the creation of the app.

Once the app is finished, schools from all over the nation will be able to use it and benefit from it, McClurg said.

While the Google Chromebooks will replace many of the computers in the classroom for grades 6-12, elementary level students will benefit with more computer access with the older machines.
Parents get a peek at Chromebooks, school's Straight A Fund grant

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Special Educational Officer Missy McClure applied for the grant, which was accepted in the second round. Her second effort was named "Let-"AEs BRAA" (Bring Robust Achievement Goals) about our schools." McClure said the Chromebooks seemed like the best option because of their cost, ease of updating and the school is already using Google technologies.

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After a brief overview of the grant and the impact on the district, teachers and students, the floor was opened for questions. The biggest concern from the parents was making sure all of their students knew the importance of the taking care of the Chromebooks.

Technology Director Josh McElroy said all students would be instructed on the care and use of the one-to-one technology.

"We will have meetings for each grade level and they will be told what they can and can't do with them and what they should do with them," he said. "The students will also come with a loved one and sign a certificate. These tablets are not delineate but they won't take off."
Delphos City Schools seeking business partners

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DELPHOS — They say it takes a village to raise a child. Delphos City Schools is hoping the businesses in the community embrace that thought through the district’s School Business Partnership program.

"The benefits are significant. A business may give of their time, talent, energy, and/or resources and the company will gain public awareness as a business that cares about the quality of education in Delphos," teacher Mary McCleary said. "In addition, the partnership will be a great morale booster for employees by showing them they have made a difference in a child’s life. People like doing business with businesses that support the future of our society."

The school received a $511,000 Ohio Straight A Fund grant. Through the grant, the district received 620 touchscreen Chromebooks for all pupils in grades K-12, 12 Google Nexus tablets with optional keyboards and styluses and more broadcast to handle the increased usage now and in the future. Another portion of the grant is an app development with Ohio State University in Columbus, which ties in with the School Business Partnership.

"Through our grant, we are working with the Ohio State University in Columbus to design a mobile app to help teachers and community members connect and share insights and experiences through social media where the businesses can be involved with school mascot badges to show they are active participants in their local schools," McCleary said. "We will hold a School Business Summit later this school year at Jefferson High School where we plan to showcase the app."

Here are some areas local business can contribute for students: