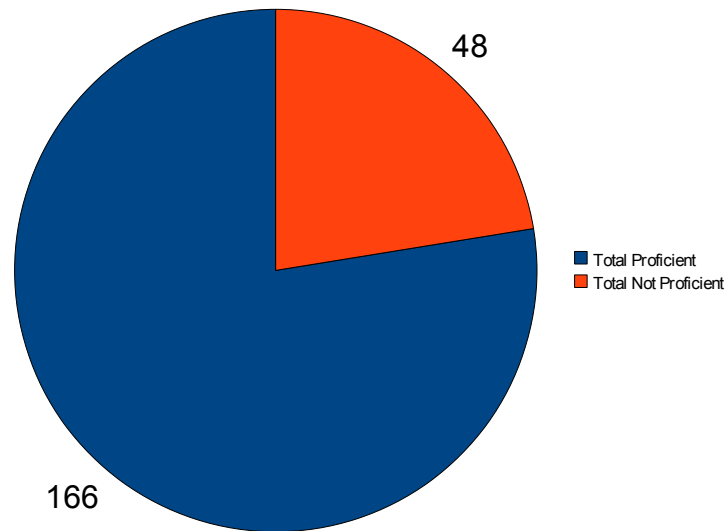




DeWitt Public Schools  
Technology Committee Notes  
May 21, 2008

- I. **Media Center Software Request**  
Details about a request to invest in a web based reference collection for the secondary media centers was reviewed by the committee. Due to time constraints on the purchase it may be difficult to obtain the collection this school year, however it has been made obvious that a need exists for up to date high quality reference materials that can be accessed both in and outside of the media center.
- II. **Draft Technology Plan**  
The DPS technology plan will expire on June 30 2009. In order to continue to qualify for USF funding we will need to insure ongoing tech plan coverage throughout the funding year. Therefore it is necessary to have a draft plan on file as we work on an update throughout the next school year. The technology committee reviewed and approved a draft of the technology plan for 2009-2012.
- III. **Update on Infinite Campus Training Schedule**  
Training for Teacher coaches will be held August 12<sup>th</sup> for a full day. These coaches will then train the rest of the teaching staff on the first teacher day in the fall.
- IV. **Open Office Training Update**  
Training sessions have been scheduled/held at the HS this month.
- V. **MACUL Grant Deadline**  
The Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning have individual teacher grant opportunities. Deadline is end of June. See <http://www.macul.org/page.php?pid=153> for more details.
- VI. **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tech Assessment**  
Students in the 8th grade were tested (as required by NCLB) using an on line assessment tool developed by the Technology Department with input from teachers and using content developed by the Regional Information Technology Supervisors Group. The assessment correlates with state (METS) and national technology standards

(NETS). 214 Students were tested. Proficiency was determined by those that scored 70% or higher correct on the assessment. The following table reflects the total number of students proficient and those not proficient. The percentage of students proficient in technology is 78% for the 2007/2008 school year and this number will be reported to the state. The amount of proficient students is down slightly from 2006/2007, in which 80% of students were determined proficient based on the same standards.



- VII. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Tech Assessment  
Due to the fact that 5<sup>th</sup> graders fall at the top end of a standards block in the technology curriculum we are considering developing and administering a similar test for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. This test would follow the METS standards and would provide teachers a general idea of technical abilities each year. Although this test is not a requirement of NCLB, it is thought that perhaps it would assist students in being prepared for later testing in online format. Proposed testing would take place in the spring of 2009.
  
- VIII. Summer Training Opportunities  
Please consider the Regional Technology Academy if you are looking for a learning experience in technology this summer. Information on classes can be found at the REMC 13 web site:  
[http://www.remc13.org/professional\\_development.html](http://www.remc13.org/professional_development.html) Additionally there is a REMC 5 technology session that has been advertised too. The info for this session is attached to these notes.

IX. End of Year Note

The end of year note that went out to staff via e-mail was shared with the committee. Suggestions were added by participants.

