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# Warne to give school technology plan update tonight

## Atlantic School Board

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**ATLANTIC** – District Technology Coordinator Roger Warne will give an update about the Atlantic School District's technology plan during tonight's school board meeting, which is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. and be held in the Atlantic High School Media Center.

Warne spoke to the board last October about some technology needs he would like to see for the district in the future. He just spoke about the needs, saying he would have to do more research before coming back to the board

with costs on many of the needs.

Warne's top priority would be getting fiber-line installed between the high school and middle school, although he also suggested getting the fiber-lines installed between the high school, middle school and the alternative high school. His second priority would be to increase the bandwidth at the middle school and high school.

Currently the bandwidth at the middle school is 25 Mb, and the bandwidth at the high school 8 Mb. Other needs Warne suggested was getting interactive whiteboards and other electronic devices for students to use, such as

laptops or tablets, and other items like card keys and surveillance cameras.

Warne also showed off the new Iowa Communication Network (ICN) room, located at the high school in October.

"The ICN is the country's premier fiber-optic network, committed to continued enhancement of distance learning and providing Iowans with convenient, equal access to education and government," according to information from the web site, [www.icn.state.ia.us/](http://www.icn.state.ia.us/). "The Network makes it possible for Iowans, physically separated by location to interact in an efficient, creative, and cost-effective manner. Through part-

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nerships with education, medicine, the judicial system, government agencies, and the National Guard, the Network brings live, full-

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Dr. Michael Amstein said the new room is different because classes can now be broadcast across the state, not just from the ICN site to ICN site, but now from the ICN site to anywhere there is an internet connection and computer available. Amstein this will create some "unique instructional opportunities" for the school district.

Warne said the ICN room was moved to the high school from the middle school because it was a "central location and good traffic area," and includes a smart board, projector, microphones and camera. Warne said one camera in the room is on the presenter, and another camera in the room is focused on the class. And "through sound recognition (when) someone is called on and they start speaking, one of the cameras will focus on them and switch over so there's a close up of them."

motion video to over 700 classrooms around Iowa, located in schools, National Guard armories, libraries, hospitals, and federal and state government offices. ICN services include full-motion video, video over IP, voice, data, WAN connections, and high-speed Internet."