
To: Operations Policy and Planning Committee

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RE: Managed Print Services

Background:

Much of our current print environment that is available to students and teachers relies heavily on single function printers and many of these devices are very old and very expensive to use. The IT for Learning Department along with Financial Services worked to develop a Managed Print Services (MPS) strategy to implement across the Greater Victoria School District. Please refer to the Managed Print Services Memo dated December 10, 2018 for more information regarding the original project launch.

Project benefits:

- Environmental sustainability. More conscious printing and use of paper and other resources.
- Equity of service. Provide students and teachers with standardized access to high quality printers, scanner, and copiers that support digital learning and teaching.
- Reduce long term print costs and enable strategic budgeting.
- Increase privacy and security by utilizing a secure print process as default.
- Ensure greater uptime for printing/scanning/copying services.

Discussion:

We have currently implemented Managed Print Services at seven locations across the district and are now bringing this back to this Operations Policy and Planning Committee to present our project findings and our plan for district wide implementation.

This initial pilot has been very successful and has validated the goals listed above. We have also seen some unexpected benefits such as the newly created print zones becoming informal collaborative spaces within the schools.

This project has been budgeted for the next two years and we are proposing that the district wide implementation moves ahead.

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