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Gateway to host educational technology conference

Huntington – A “Lunch and Learn” Conference will take place at Gateway Regional on Thursday, September 28, geared for technology staff in Western Massachusetts schools. Five educational technology vendors were selected to showcase their products due to their usefulness to schools and their affordability.

“This event brings together a small group of vendors who can each impact a very specific part of educational technology, and the educators of western Massachusetts who could possibly benefit from the potential savings associated with them,” said organizer Chris Parker, Gateway’s Technology Coordinator.

Trinity 3 Technology is a major sponsor of this event. The company provides chromebooks, laptops, tablets and desktop solutions to schools, along with insurance and extended warranty protection. They also provide financial services and support for software. As a company, Trinity 3 is one of the few vendors who are completely immersed in the K-12 and higher education market and truly understand the needs and trends in educational technology.

LanSchool is also an event sponsor. LanSchool gives teachers the ability manage a digital classroom from their laptops where they can monitor and control student devices, push out content, share screens, access detailed internet history, and create assignments and tests. This gives teachers the ability to focus more on teaching and spend less time worrying about device management. LanSchool works on PC, Mac, Chrome and Android operating systems.

Another sponsor, Securly, Inc., provides both on site and off site filtering of student devices. They also offer a free parent portal where parents can log in and view their student’s web activity, as well as restrict usage when necessary, without having to go through the school.

Other vendors include Aver (a leader in interactive flat screen technology, document cameras and charging solutions) and Higher Ground (an industry leader in protective cases and bags for electronic devices). The Collaborative for Educational Services is also taking part in the event in continuation of their efforts to provide quality education throughout Western Massachusetts

A light breakfast and coffee will be served in the morning, and refreshments will be available in the afternoon. A fully catered lunch will be served at 11:30.

Registration is free and can be accessed at www.grsd.org/content/lunchandlearn. Please contact Chris Parker (413.685.1022 or cparker@grsd.org) if you have questions.

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