HOW SCHOOLS "SHOULD" MANAGE NEW TECHNOLOGY

Partnering for agility

The move from entry-level to high-end devices and back again shows that schools need agile IT strategies if they are to allocate their budgets effectively. Choosing a technology partner that can flex to meet changing strategic requirements helps a school stay up to speed and ensures budget is invested as smartly as it can be – both now and into the future.

Here is our take on some of the most important things, to factor in to your decision.

1. Brilliant BYOD

When looking at BYOD, it is important to consider the security implications of having devices running outside the school network, at home, where there's unlikely to be robust security. A solution to overcoming this potential challenge is only allowing devices with in-built security capabilities; those which enable IT administrators to ensure robust security and observability outside the school's firewall.

2. Maximizing assets

More schools are embracing a progressive strategy of purchasing higher-spec, more reliable and capable devices, which means they only need to be replaced every 4-5 years. The lower device turnover rate and higher reliability also drive environmental benefits. It is important for schools to take this long-term approach if they are to protect tight budgets. Choosing the right technology, that delivers the right quality, reliability and support services, will ensure the best ROI.

3. Embracing the cloud

With reduced demand on local hardware, there will be less need for expensive, high-spec devices, displays and network technology will be prioritized as lower-end processors become 'good enough' for schools. Meanwhile, educational establishments will move towards cloud-based subscription services to host learning activities.

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