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Computer Technology Comes to Washington Early Childhood School *Building is Internet Accessible for the First Time*

Imagine a world without internet access or a functional computer at your work station. Could you do your job? Computers and the internet are vital communication and education tools for teachers. It took some hard work and problem solving skills, but now the teachers and staff at Washington Early Childhood School can now do their jobs with the latest technology. The teachers and staff at Washington are in the process of receiving a computer for each classroom and work station.

District 116 workers have been trying for several years to get Washington Early Childhood School wired to the internet. The school building itself is old and workers had a hard time wiring the facility, so district technology staff found another solution. "We are now accessible to wireless technology," Principal Crystal Vowels explains. "The (school) district has made a commitment to not only making us wireless accessible but giving us the actual computers, wireless cards, and printers to make use of that technology. So, for the first time in Washington's history, we will be internet accessible."

Now that Washington Early Childhood School is wired for the internet the sky is the limit. Vowels says the school will be using this technology to upgrade the school website and communicate better with parents and members of the community. Vowels adds, "The staff is excited. They are excited to have the tools and to look at how we can make it work at the early childhood level."

Members of the media wishing to do a story about Washington Early Childhood School receiving this new technology can contact Principal Crystal Vowels at 384-3513.

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