



Organizational Announcements

Technology Services New Staff



James Costello joined the Cypress-Fairbanks Technology team on February 19, 2018 as the Security Specialist.



James has over 20 years of experience working in Information Technology, in multiple industries. He is an active member of several local IT Security organizations including Infragard. James is a former student of Cypress-Fairbanks ISD and a resident of Cypress. He is extremely grateful for the opportunity to help improve the Cyber Security Services for Cy-Fair ISD.

James has earned several certifications including his A+, Network +, Security+, and Certified Information Systems Security Professional certifications. He also earned an Associates in Networking Technology and a BBA from Texas State University.

When not working, he enjoys spending his time with his wife and daughter. They love visiting the zoo, aquarium, museums, and parks.

James, we are thrilled that you are a part of our team!!!
Welcome back to Cypress-Fairbanks ISD!!!



Trusted Learning Environment Workshop

Monday, February 19, 2018, Technology Services held a Trusted Learning Environment workshop. Team members from different departments attended to learn from our national consultant Steve Smith, CIO of Cambridge Public Schools in Massachusetts. **Frankie Jackson** and **Jennifer Miller** kicked off the meeting and Steve walked the team through the items needed to ensure our district meets the requirements to become a "Trusted Learning Environment." The team discussed the best way to update our procedures in order to secure our technology information.





Trusted Learning Environment Workshop

The TLE Workshop held on **Monday, February 19, 2018** was attended by team members from several CFISD departments. In addition to our internal resources, three technology leaders from other Texas school districts also attended to learn great information as well.

Curriculum – Kay Arenas, Matthew Campbell, Becky Cook, Anabel Messer, Steven Stone

Staff Development – Glenda Horner

Finance and Purchasing – Karen Smith and Matt Morgan

Technology Services – **Larry Barrios, Michelle Campos, James Costello, Frankie Jackson, Jay Johnson, Eric May, Jennifer Miller**

External Technology Leaders – Cindy Bingman, Alief ISD; Melissa Oshman, Northside ISD; James Watson, Leander ISD



A highlight of the day was welcoming our new Security Specialist, **James Costello** to our CFISD team.



Trusted Learning Environment Workshop

Making New Connections

This was a very busy week as **James Costello** became acquainted with team members from across the department. On Thursday, **James** attended the DLT meeting and began to familiarize himself with the departments that support our students and staff members. **James** also met with some of our current vendors. These meetings were extremely useful for gathering data on the current district status and how we plan to expand our Cyber Security culture over the foreseeable future. Some of technologies reviewed were breach prevention services, DDOS protection, SIEMs, vulnerability scanning, and more! All of these items work to improve the security of our district.

KnowBe4 Status Update

As shown in the picture to the right, **James Costello, Eric Pina,** and **Jennifer Miller** met to discuss the current status of the district's KnowBe4 training on **Thursday, February 22, 2018.**

Currently the team is working to ensure all Technology Services teams have completed the initial training in the campaign.



KnowBe4
Human error. Conquered.