

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { X }                      ACTION {    }                      CLOSED MEETING {    }

**SUBJECT:**                      SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATION

Rolling Study Hall

**BACKGROUND:**                      Google and the Consortium of School Networking are expanding a pilot study where they place Wi-Fi on school buses. They have invited Bath County Public Schools to take part in this expansion. They would place antennas and mobile hotspots on four to six buses on our longest routes beginning next fall. Because of the type of antennas that they use, they would be able to maintain a data signal across more of the county than a cell phone would be able to. Additionally, they would pay for a tutor for 2 hours per day on each equipped bus. Results from the pilot suggest there may be score increases on high stakes tests. The project would begin at the start of the school year and end the following June. There would be no cost to Bath County Public Schools for the first year. If Bath County Public Schools decided to continue with the project after that, Bath County Public Schools would pay for the services.