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Subject: Invitation to our school.

I know that the campaigns are running right now, but once the election is over, we would like to invite you and also the members of the Senate and House Education Committee over to view what we are doing at our school.

Just as a simple highlight on how small schools can stay viable!

East Greene has:

1. Approximately 185 computers for the students to use (386 students) 2. All computers have internet access. 3. We are a Cisco networking academy serving Jefferson-Scranton, Ogden and East Greene (we have had students from Panorama and PC before) 4. We have just implemented typing for 9 weeks in the 3rd and 4th grade classes. 5. We have installed a new program in the elementary that works with the ISTE standards and technology skills in the elementary (we maybe the only school running this software presently in Iowa). 6. We bus 33 students to Jefferson-Scranton to take part in classes that we can't offer and we share numerous programs with Jefferson. The shuttle runs every period. 7. We have 2 students taking a new class using the latest internet technology directly from Iowa Central it is called VClass. (I personally think this program will revolutionize the community college system). 8. We have students taking AP classes online and doing very well.

Finally!

Using some of the proceeds from the 1% sales tax, we have purchased and installed 19 Gateway M275 tablet PC's, projectors, vcr's and 8 foot drop down screens in 19 teachers rooms. This setup is in the upper elementary classrooms and also a majority of the high school rooms.

This is how education will be in the 21st century. With the tablet pc's, the instructors can use a stylus pen and write on the screen and take notes just like they were doing on the whiteboard. The advantage is that they can save their notes, print them, convert them to text, etc. We also are using the projectors to show movies and we are using a media site to stream movies to the classes.

We would really like you to stop by and see what we are doing! It is a very exciting year in our district and we want to show off what we have done!!!!

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Thanks,
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