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Five Items to Consider When Purchasing a File Server

Summer is usually the time for schools to bring their technology up to date. Before that arrives, here are five items to consider when purchasing a file server for your school or district.

Extra Memory (Ram)

Ram allows a server to store information into memory in a way that is more accessible for fast retrieval. From a cost perspective, it also provides computer users with the greatest “bang for their buck.”

Redundancy

Any server worth its salt should be designed with redundancy in mind. Redundancy should comply with power supplies, hard drives, and network cards. You will pay slightly more, but redundancy allows you to continue to operate even if you lose a hard drive, power supply or network card.

Hard Drive Storage

Always consider hard drive storage when choosing a file server. Keep in mind that your plan should not only incorporate today’s needs, but also storage needs four years down the line. This may be difficult to predict, but “better looking at it, then looking for it.”

Warranty

Make sure that for every server you buy, you purchase the extended warranty, which usually takes you from one year to at least three. This ensures that during the time your server is operational, coverage is in place.

Major Manufacturer

Always look to purchase your file server from a major manufacturer. Our two best picks are Dell and Hewlett-Packard. You will always be able to obtain support and replacement parts. In addition, utilizing warranty coverage and emergency service will be feasible when it is required.

Enjoy the remainder of your school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Crawley'.

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