



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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1. **Like “The Office”? Try The Inside Man:** For the next couple of months, the Technology Newsletter will be the site of an entertaining series of videos, The Inside Man. The Inside Man series is an entertaining and informative look at cybersecurity. [Here is season 1, episode 10, Keep Your Friends Close \(9:13\)](#)

2. **For All Teachers and Administrators:** From the IDOE: Digital Learning Day is Tuesday, February 22. Join the IDOE’s Office of Digital Learning for a panel discussion regarding the current digital learning landscape and what educators can do to continue moving student learning forward. Panelists will include:

- Melanie Hackett - Assistant Principal, Navarre Middle School
- Nadine Gilkison - District Technology Integration Supervisor K-12, Franklin Township Schools
- Steven Dull - Math Teacher, Morton High School
- Tiffany Reyes - Former First Grade Teacher, Theodore Potter Spanish Immersion Academy

The panel will take place at 2 p.m. ET on Tuesday, February 22. To attend, register [here](#). Contact the Office of Digital Learning with any questions



3. **For all staff:** Pending School Board approval in February, EACS will be changing its district/school websites, its parent communication tool, and establishing the first EACS phone App. One company, [Apptegy](#), will be the platform for our school and district websites, communication tool, and phone App. This process will take several months this spring/summer, and communications will go out to staff and parents regarding the process. Here is a possible timeline of steps in the process (subject to change):

1. Make website format decisions in February/March
2. Transfer all website content over February-May
3. PD for staff who send out parent messages in April (mostly admins)
4. PD for staff who upload website content in May
5. Transition from old website to new website in May; communication to parents/staff in May
6. Revise/test EACS app all summer
7. Further PD for above groups in early August
8. Communication to parents in July/August about App



Please contact Keith Madsen if you have any questions.

Fun technology fact: The popular in-home use of Virtual Reality headsets is causing homeowners’ insurance costs to go up. A man landing an [upper-cut on the ceiling fan](#), a woman [slamming into furniture](#), a guy [smashing through a lighting fixture](#): gamers are learning that VR headsets can often cause havoc at home. The trend of crashing into furniture while using Virtual Reality provoked a 31% jump in home contents claims involving VR headsets last year, insurers have said, marking a 68% overall increase since 2016. Be careful out there! Know your **REAL** surroundings. [Read more of the article here.](#)

