



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 7, Buying Time \(5:27\)](#)

2. **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. Approval of the purchase of [Apptegy](#) by the school board, possibly February
2. Make website format decisions in February
3. Transfer all website content over February-May
4. PD for staff who send out parent messages in April (mostly admins)
5. PD for staff who upload website content in May
6. Transition from old website to new website in May; communication to parents/staff in May
7. Revise/test EACS app all summer
8. Further PD for above groups in early August
9. Communication to parents in July/August about App

Please contact Keith Madsen if you have any questions.

3. **For all HS teachers/administrators/students interested in STEM: From the IDOE:** Applications Open for Governor’s 2022 STEM Team. Gov. Eric. J. Holcomb, Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner, and Treasurer of State Kelly Mitchell invite Indiana high school students to apply for the 2022 Governor’s STEM Team. This program honors four outstanding high school students for their exceptional efforts and accomplishments in one of the STEM disciplines. Winning students each receive a \$1,000 deposit into an Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings plan and letterman jackets identifying them as members of the Governor’s STEM Team. Applications may be submitted via this [JotForm](#) through **Friday, February 4**. Please contact the Office of Teaching and Learning with questions.



Fun technology fact: Electric knee implants? How would that work? Bioengineers from the University of Connecticut developed a biodegradable mesh implant, about half a millimeter thick, which generated tiny electrical signals to repair arthritic joints in rabbits. The study, published in [Science Translational Medicine](#), saw the team successfully regrow [cartilage](#) in rabbits’ knees without using stem cells. The cartilage that grows back is mechanically robust, with further plans to trial the implant in larger animals and humans. [Read more of the article here.](#)

