



Education Appropriations Subcommittee

Meeting Packet

**January 15, 2014
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Morris Hall**



The Florida House of Representatives
APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE

Education Appropriations Subcommittee

Will Weatherford
Speaker

Erik Fresen
Chair

MEETING AGENDA

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- I. Meeting Called To Order
- II. Opening Remarks by Chair
- III. Implementation Updates
 - A. District Technology Plans & Distribution of Technology Funding
 - B. Safe Schools Security Assessments
- IV. Closing Remarks
- V. Meeting Adjourned

District Technology
Plans & Distribution of
Technology Funding

District Technology Goals & Funding Updates

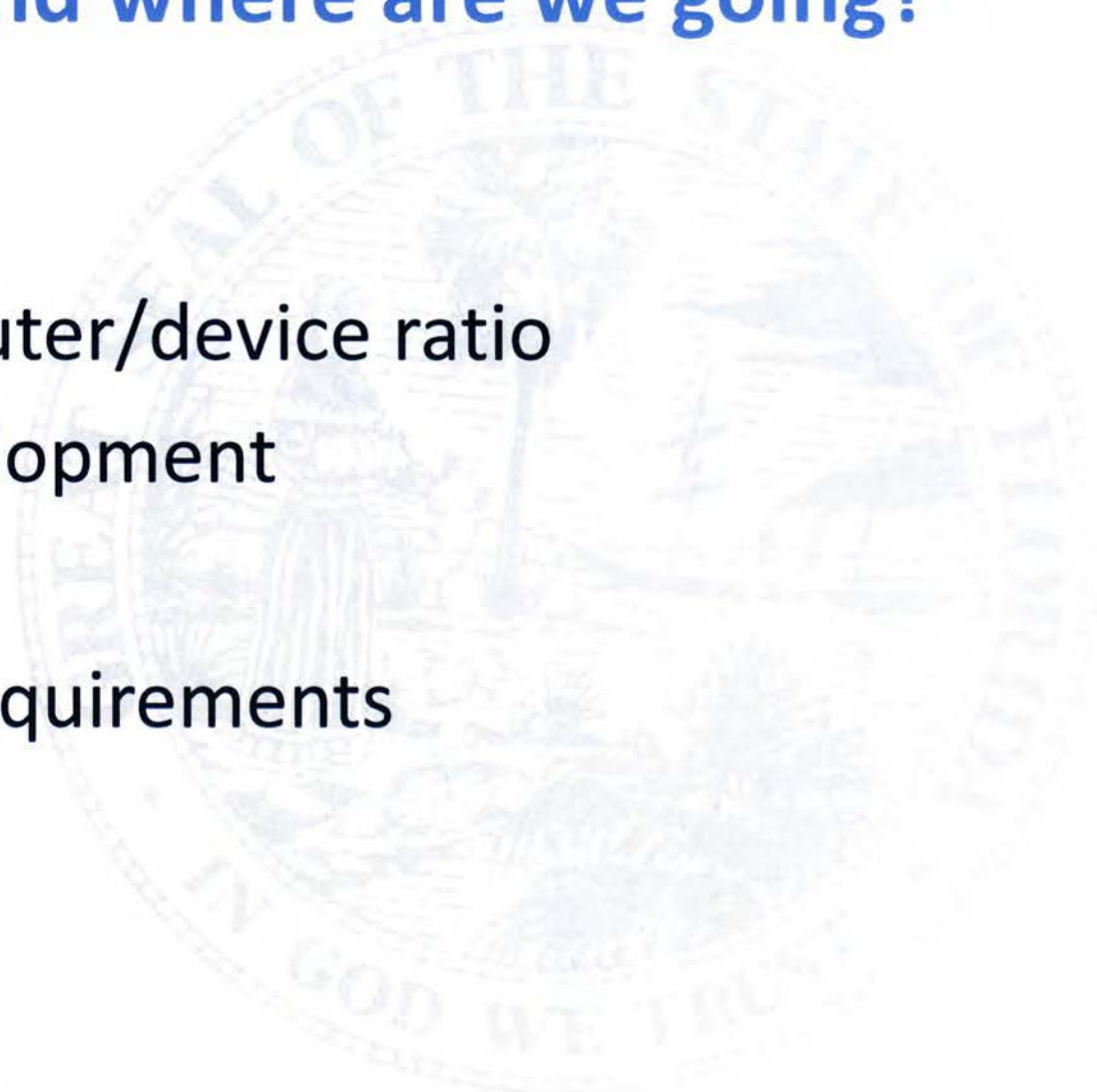
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Ron Nieto

Deputy Commissioner of Technology and Innovation

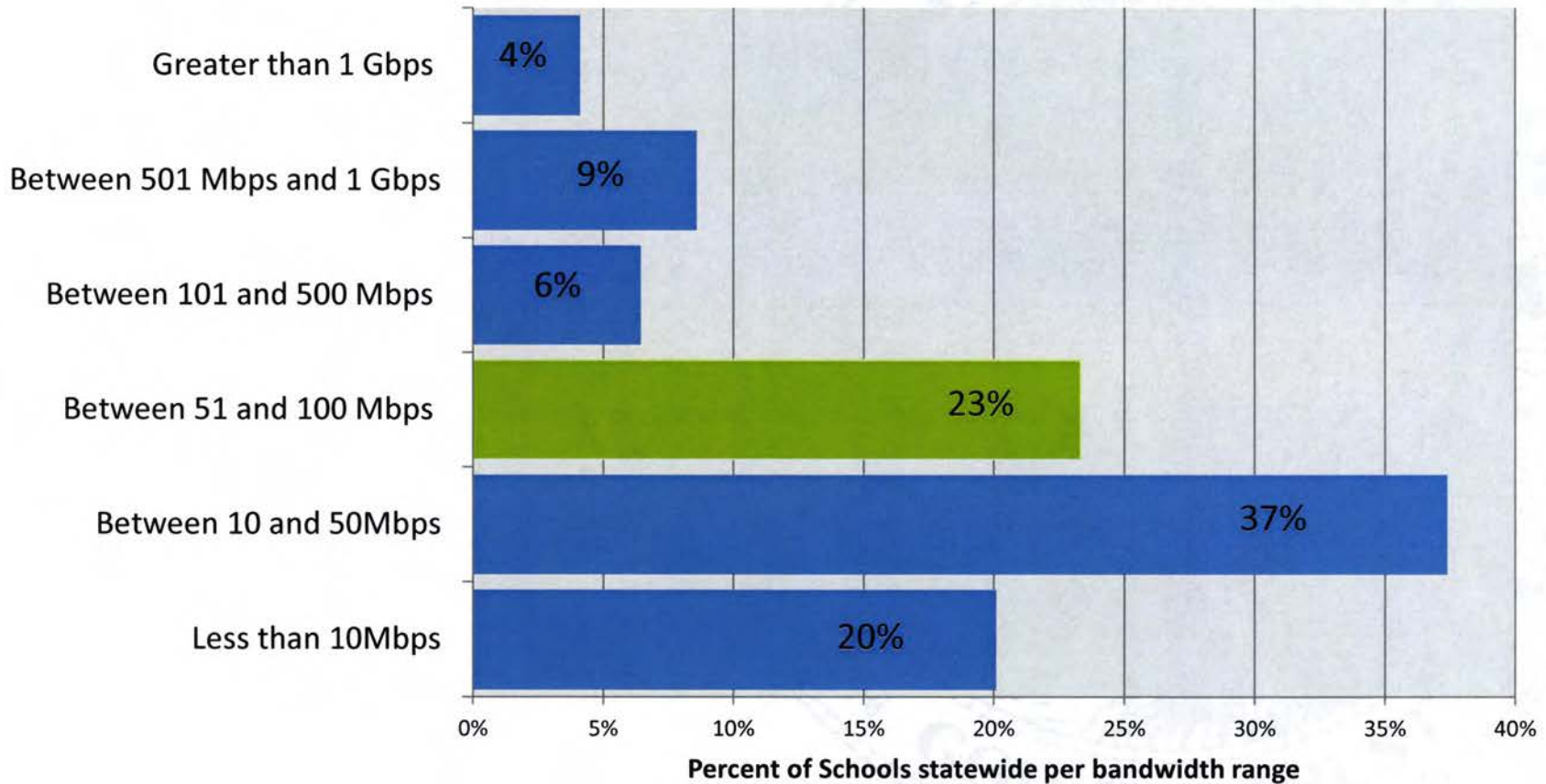
Where are we and where are we going?

- Bandwidth
- Student-to-Computer/device ratio
- Professional Development
- Funding (E-rate)
- Other statutory requirements



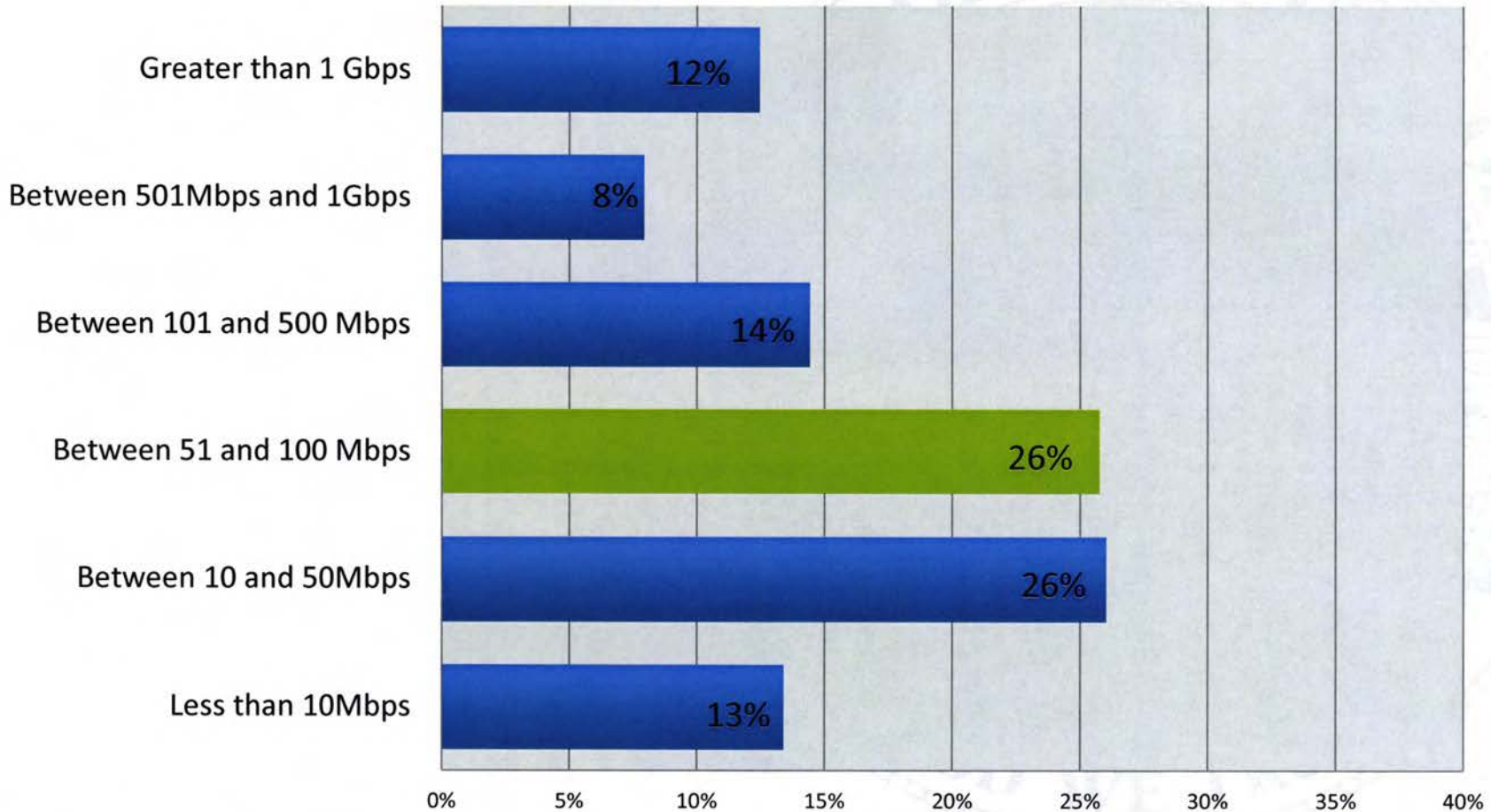
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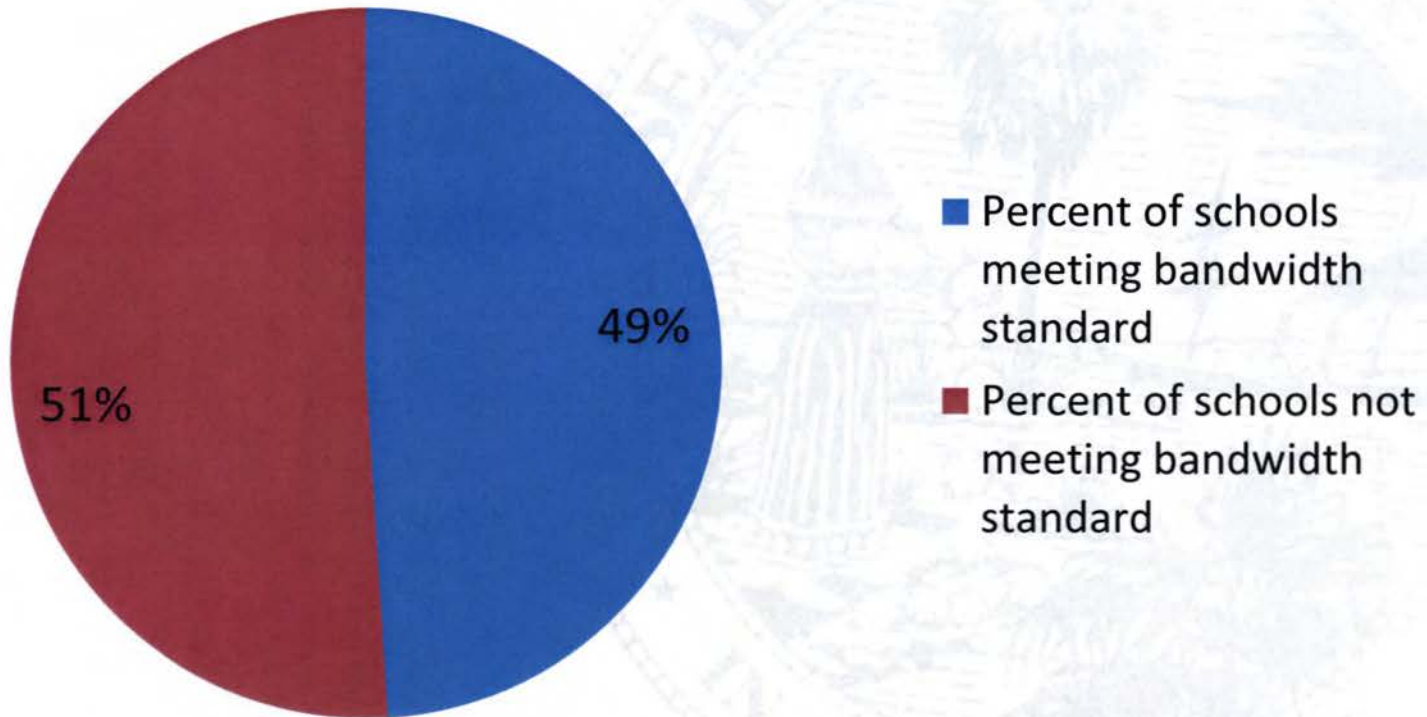
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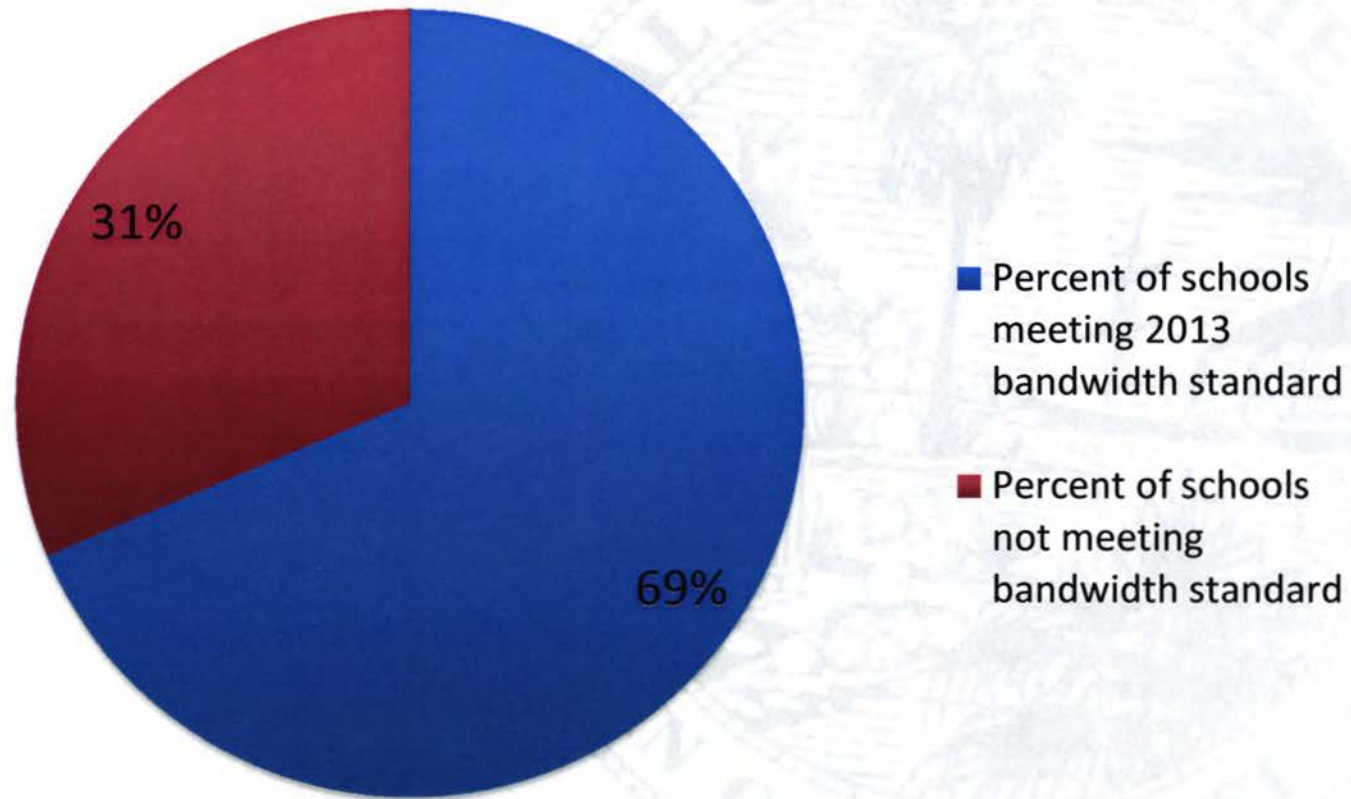
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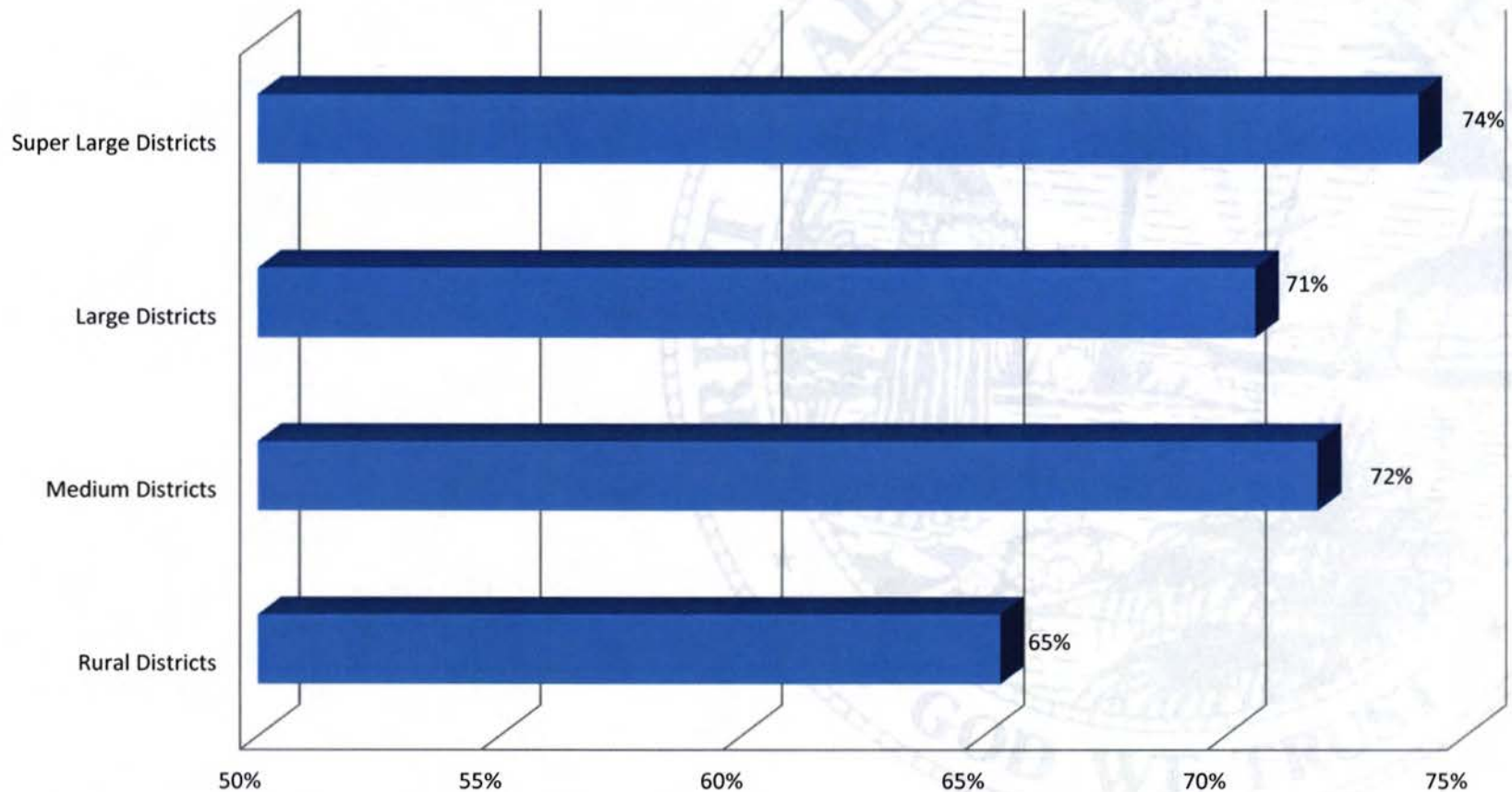
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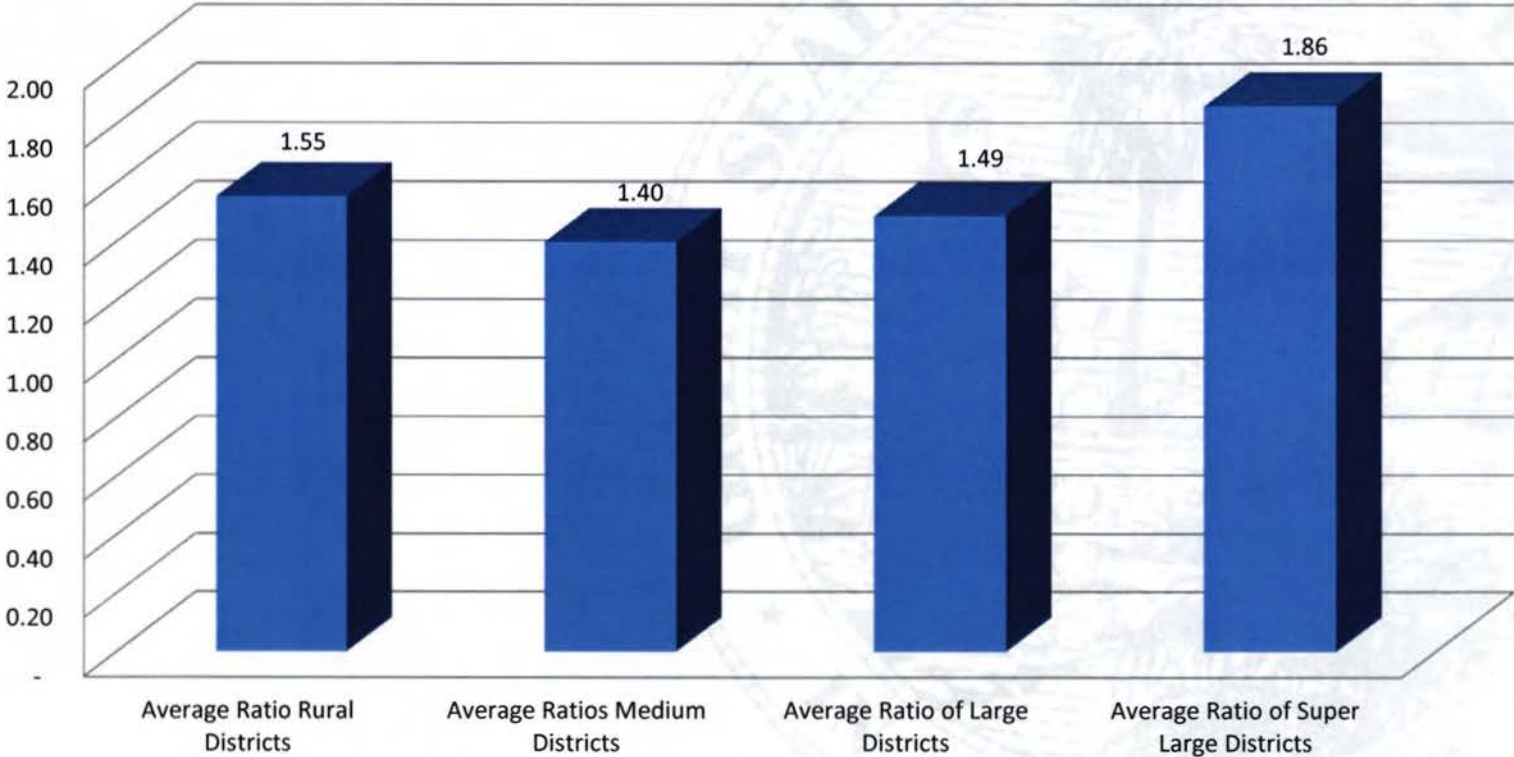
2013 Percent of Wireless Classrooms

Average % of wireless classrooms by district size



2013 Student-to-Computer Device Ratio

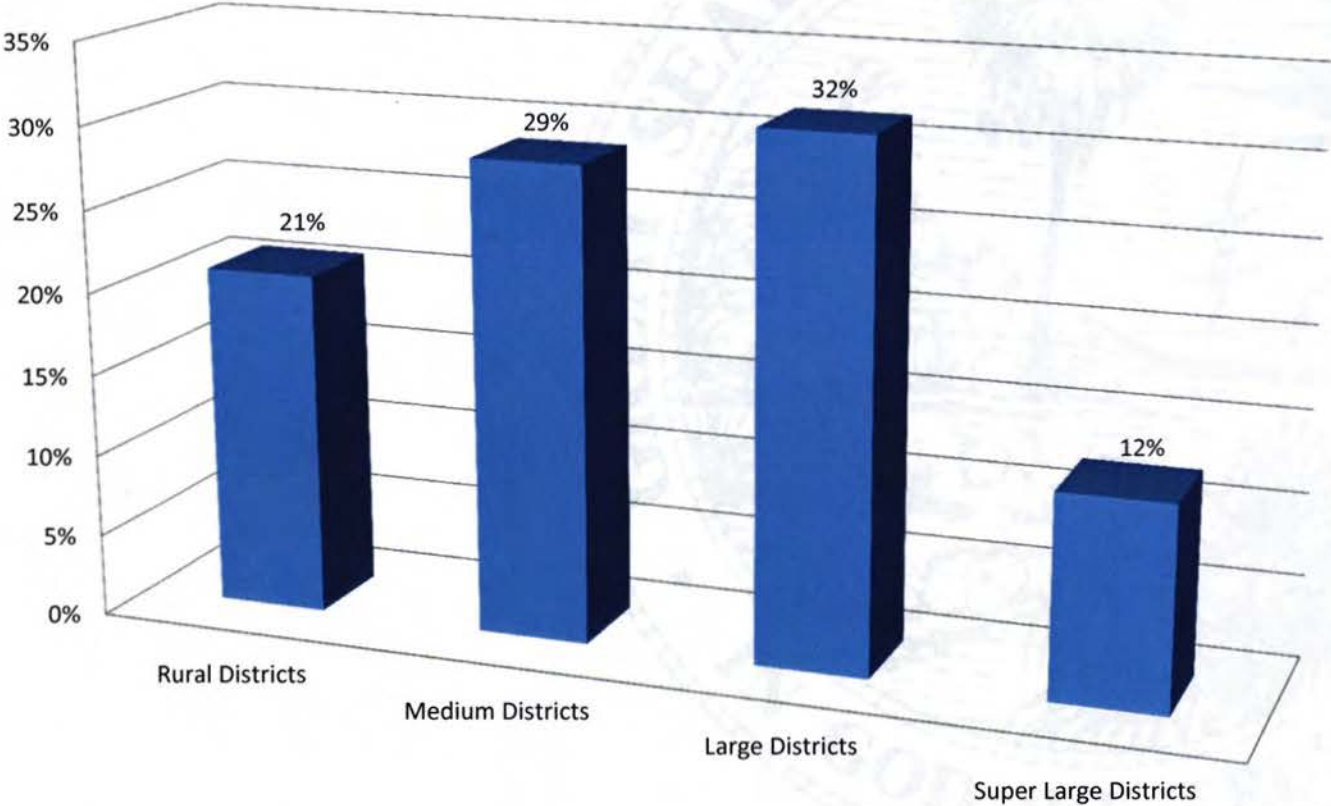
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*Based on 2012 FTE student counts

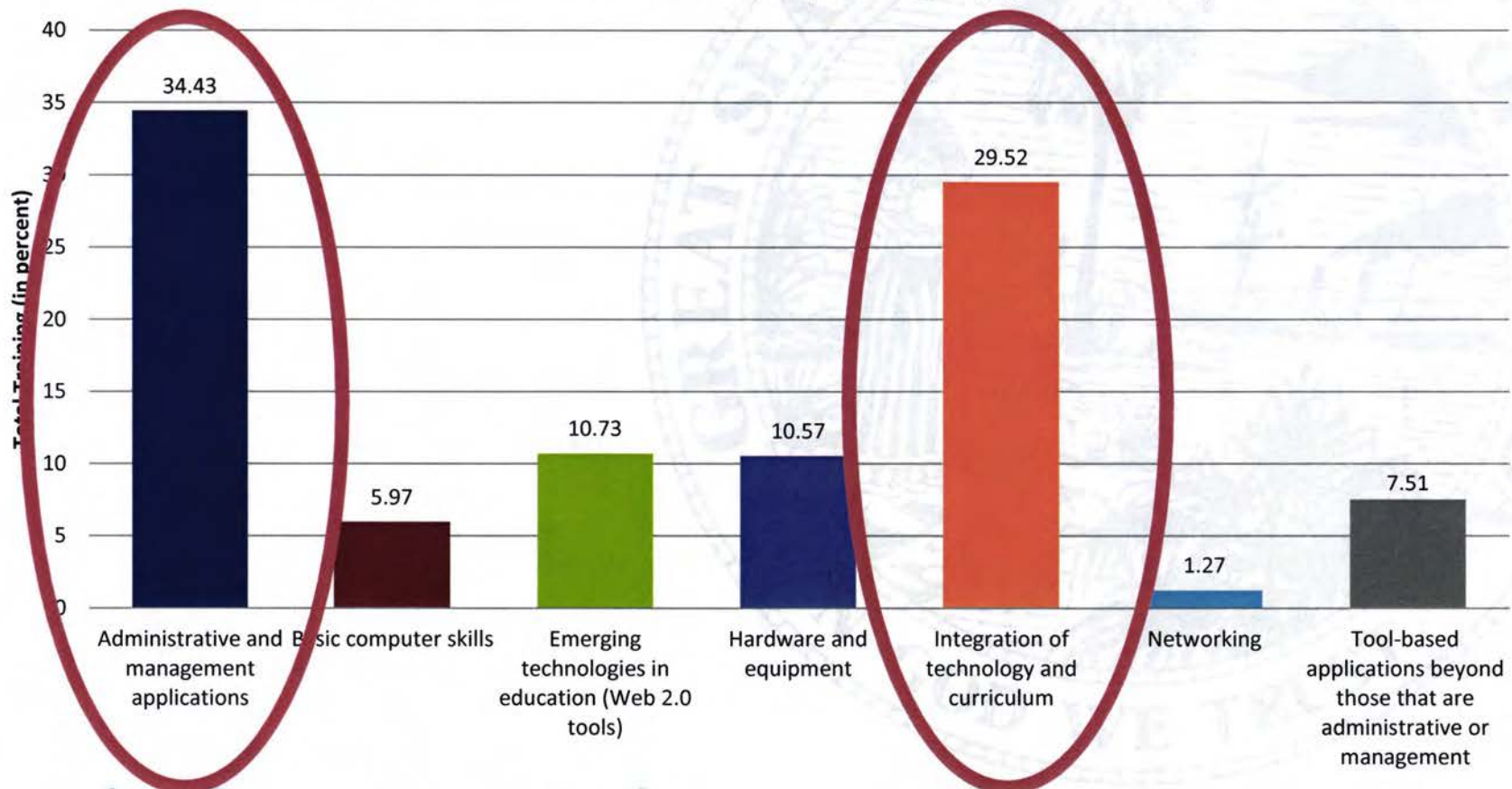
2013 Bring Your Own Device Policy

Average % of schools allowing BYOD by district size



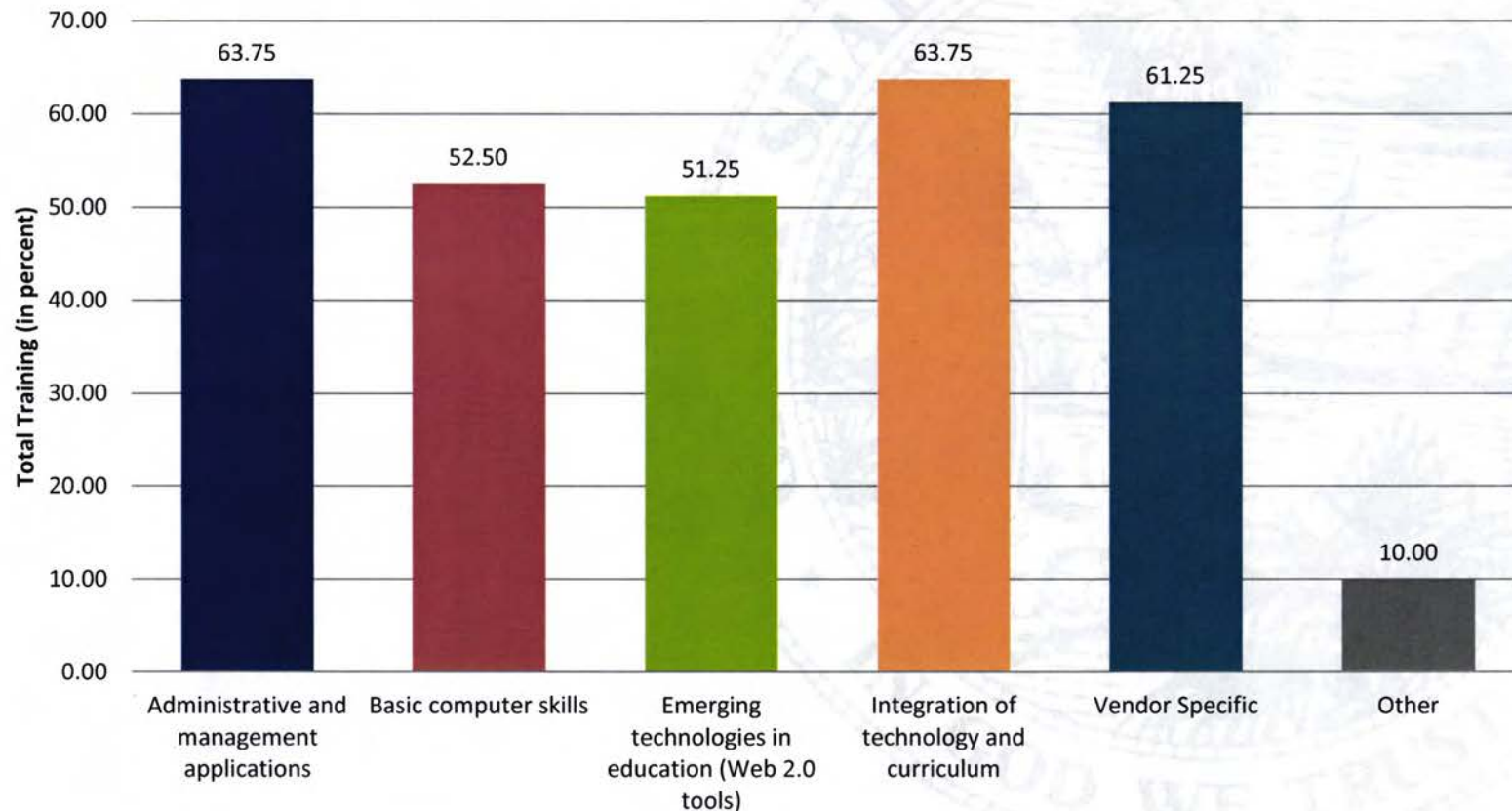
2012 Professional Development Categories

Statewide Teacher Training by Category (2012-2013)



2013 Professional Development Categories

Statewide Teacher Training by Category (Fall 2013)



Grant Application Process

- **July 1:** Bandwidth (\$11M) and Rural Wireless (\$6M) approved
- **July – August:** Grant application and process drafted. Bandwidth specifications posted.
- **September 9:** Grants applications posted on DOE website for district access
- **September 20:** Memo sent to District Superintendents
- **October 1:** Email sent to District Technology Contacts providing additional details
- **October 22 – November 15:** Review of application form and process conducted between DOE and DFS
- **November 25:** Email sent to District technology contacts providing additional details and guidance on application process
- **December 9/12:** First district grants approved

Grant Application Assistance

- Bandwidth Grant \$11M (SB1500)
 - 18 district applications approved (486 Schools, \$263,273 distributed)
 - 5 district applications in process (242 schools)
 - 30 Districts contacted and have begun local drafting
 - Remainder of districts have been contacted
- Rural Wireless Grant \$6M (SB1500)
 - 22 district applications approved (\$1,509,437 distributed)
 - 4 district applications in process

Report on both grants will be finalized by January 31, 2014

Digital Learning Advisory Committee

Small

1. Hamilton
2. Okeechobee
3. Walton

Medium

4. Bay
5. Escambia
6. Osceola
7. Santa Rosa

Large

8. Broward
9. Pasco
10. Seminole
11. Volusia

Digital Learning Advisory Committee

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Readiness

- Bandwidth Field testing (Education Superhighway)
 - Aggregation of school speeds in progress
 - Records actual upload/download speeds at sites
- Technology Readiness Inventory
 - Fall 2013 completed and data is being analyzed
 - Enhancements for Spring 2014 being planned

2012 E-Rate Funding

(Priority 1)

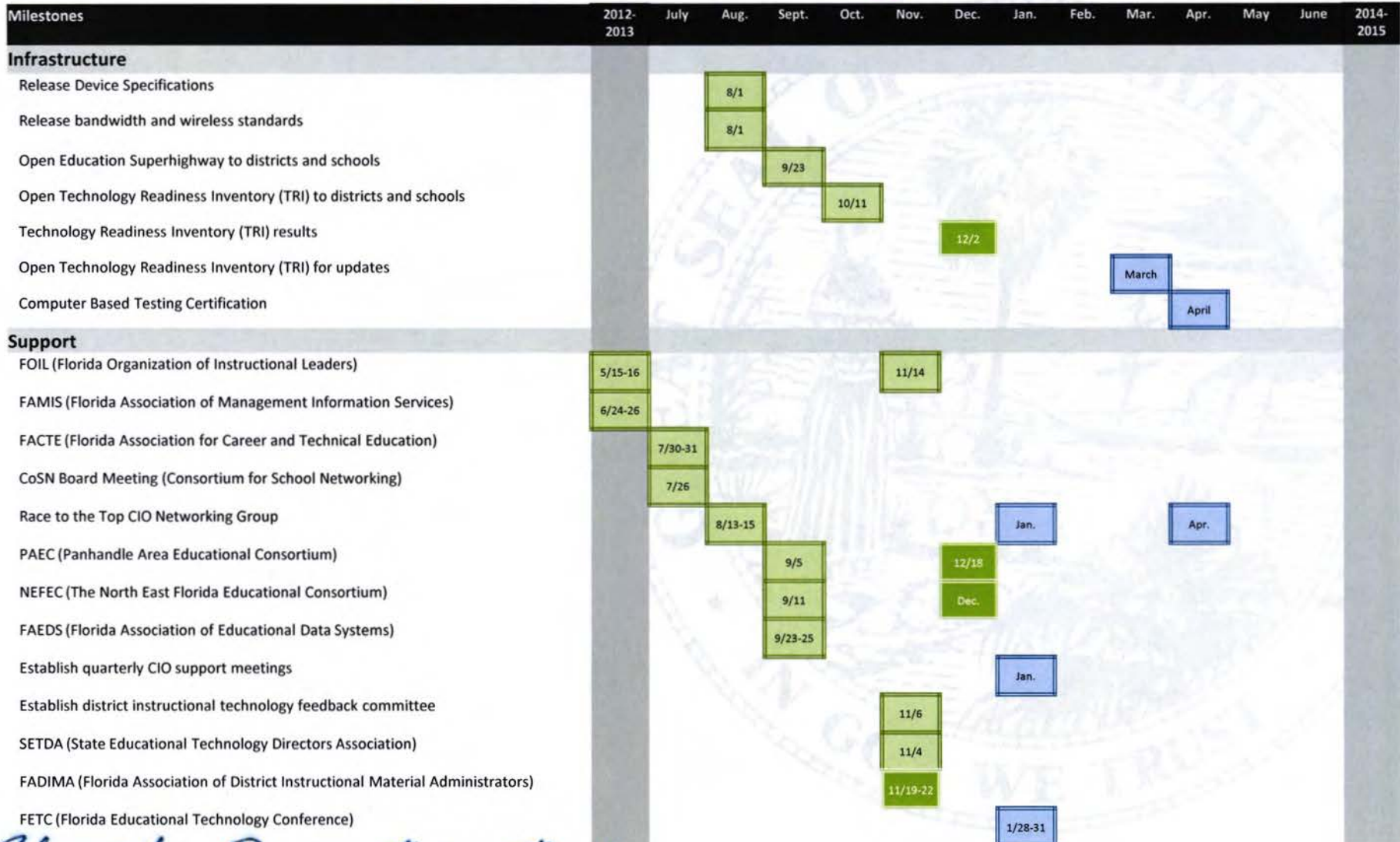
- All 67 districts applied for E-rate in 2012
- \$56.4 Million requested by districts
- \$53.2 Million committed to districts
 - 94% of funding requested was committed
- Average state E-rate discount is 77%
 - Based on percent of students eligible for free-reduced lunch and rural/urban status of school

2013 data on E-Rate funding will be available in March 2014

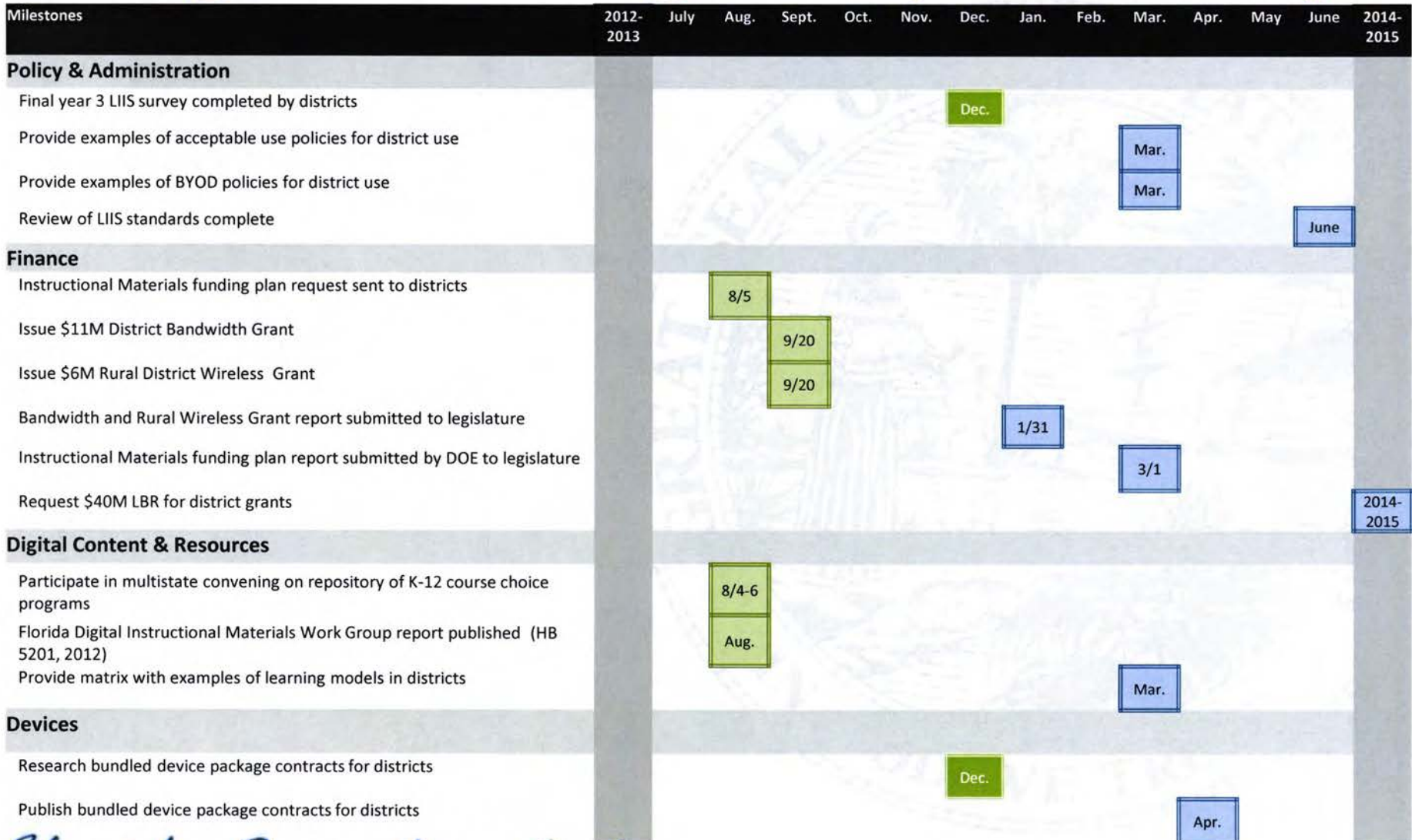
Next Steps

- Requesting \$40M LBR
- Goal of the funding is to improve districts overall:
 - Infrastructure network and wireless components
 - Bandwidth
 - Devices
 - Professional development
 - Digital instruction
 - Accommodations for students with disabilities
 - Assessments
 - Security

Digital Learning Plan



Digital Learning Plan (continued)





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Florida Department of Education
Linda Champion



Topics of Discussion

- Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) Safe Schools Categorical Program
- Safe Schools Assessment Tool and Portal, Specific Appropriation 102A of Chapter 2013-40, Laws of Florida (General Appropriations Act)



FEFP Safe Schools Categorical Program

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Safe Schools Appropriation	\$67,260,840	\$67,133,784	\$64,456,019	\$64,456,019	\$64,456,019



Allocation Methodology

- \$62,660 to Each School District
- Remaining Balance
 - Two-thirds based on the Crime Index
 - One-third based on each district's share of the state's total unweighted full-time equivalent student enrollment



2013-14 FEFP Safe Schools Categorical Program Appropriation Uses

1. After-school programs for middle school students
2. Middle and high school programs for correction of specific discipline problems
3. Other improvements to enhance the learning environment, including implementation of conflict resolution strategies
4. Behavior-driven intervention programs that include anger- and aggression-management strategies
5. Alternative school programs for adjudicated youth
6. Suicide-prevention programs
7. Bullying prevention and intervention
8. School resource officers



Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool and Portal

■ **Specific Appropriation 102A - Proviso**

- \$1,000,000 for a security consulting firm to provide a risk assessment tool for conducting security assessments for use by school officials at each public school in the state.
- The consulting firm must specialize in risk assessment software solutions.



Proviso Language, continued...

The assessment tool must, at minimum, address:

1. School emergency and crisis preparedness planning;
2. Security, crime and violence prevention policies and procedures;
3. Physical security measures;
4. Professional development training needs;
5. An examination of support service roles in school safety, security, and emergency planning;
6. School security and school police staffing, operational practices, and related services;
7. School-community collaboration on school safety; and
8. Return on investment analysis (ROI) of the recommended physical security controls.



Proviso Language, continued...

- Selected software must be able to generate written automated reports on assessment findings.
- Final assessment report must identify:
 - Positive school safety measures in place.
 - Areas for continued school safety planning and improvement.
- Training should be provided by the chosen firm to DOE and school officials.



Selection Process

- August 20, 2013 - A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued in compliance with Chapter 287, Laws of Florida.
- September 4, 2013 - Responses due.
- October 3, 2013 - An evaluation committee was chosen from the fields of information technology, emergency management, and law enforcement to evaluate proposals.
- October 3, 2013 - Contract was awarded to Digital Sandbox, Inc.
- December 31, 2013 – Contract executed.



Project Timelines

- January 16, 2014 - Presentation of proposed structure of assessment tool.
- February 27, 2014 - Initial demonstration of tool with all required components.
- March 13, 2014 - Final demonstration of tool with any requested changes.
- June 2, 2014 – Completion of training to DOE and district officials.
- June 23, 2014 - Final acceptance by and transfer of assessment tool to DOE.



Future Year Costs

- Two-year maintenance and service agreement is included in contract.
- Future costs will be contingent upon functions to be maintained, updated, and/or added.
- The Department will own the tool for use as it exists at the end of the two-year agreement with Digital Sandbox, Inc.