

Here's a message sent out this AM by Seth Deniston, Coeur d'Alene School District technology director, to teachers and staff re: planned switch from IEN system today. Huckleberries doesn't know if this switch is still in effect this afternoon. CenturyLink said earlier today that it won't pull the plug on the state's Broadband system, as had been planned.

Seth Deniston writes:

“Some of you may have been hearing some of the latest news about the Idaho Education Network (IEN), and the turmoil created by the state's contract for internet access for high schools with vendors Education Networks of America (ENA) and Century Link being voided in district court. I wanted to give you an update from the district's perspective.

“We are preparing to move off of the IEN **Friday at 4:30 PM**. Our district is in a better position than most, as we have a secondary connection with Ednetics that all of our middle schools and elementary school are already on. We will be moving our high schools and external sites to that connection, adding more bandwidth as well. Only minimal interruptions in internet service are expected at the high schools Friday afternoon, and you shouldn't notice any impact after that, as the added bandwidth will actually be more than was provided previously.

“Because the external addresses to many of our district resources will have to be changed, you may not be able to access things such as *Skyward, Web Mail, Enrich, and Infocenter* from off campus for up to 48 hours while the changes are propagated. We do not expect it to take this long, but please use this as an excuse to unplug and enjoy your weekend. ☺

“ We apologize for any inconvenience this causes. Please let me know if you have any questions.”

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