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Last week technology coordinator for Perkins County Public Schools, Michele Evans, finished up fixing a laptop for a high school student before going back to the task at hand: putting the final touches on updating the new server system at the high school.

This year the district replaced one of the servers at the high school and went with a Mac mini server for students.

“We ran into a storage issue with all of the students. We have some kids that need a large amount of storage space, so teachers were not getting all of the room for teaching materials,” Evans said.

Teachers are now on the main server alone, freeing up necessary space.

Another upgrade is going to Google School. Staff had to be instructed on how to use the system, and Evans explained that the staff has been excited about the switch.

“Most of the kids were familiar with Google before the switch, so they are already familiar with everything,” Evans said.

Students in the high school received new laptops with the computers used before now being utilized by the sixth grade, giving each student grades 6-12 at PCS a laptop at their disposal. Sixth grade students are not allowed to take laptops home. A mobile lab with 20 laptops for the elementary school is having the final touches put on right now, according to Evans, in addition to another 30 set to go, giving students 50 laptops to further their education.

Evans will be digging in to the elementary network soon to smooth out any kinks in the system as part of the ever changing world of technology at PCS.