Tech Survey Teachers - Comments

Art	We used Fireworks. This is a great program for compositing.
English	More availability of laptops. Continue the incredible mentorship that EJ offers. Having him in the class is critical.
English	Technology has been such a huge motivator for students and really pushed their thinking and quality of work. Most of the projects my students completed this year would not have been possible without EJ Gaudet.
English	Please make sure all computers have keyboards and mice.
English	EJ Gaudet is incredible. He was always there when I needed him without complaint. He not only is knowledgeable, but good lord, hes fun and great to be around. He always found a solution to what I needed.
English	I think it can be easier to have the laptops in a central location (like the library) where more students can use them across the building. I also think that where the desktops are placed in the pods/ classrooms/ etc. needs to be more equitably distributed. Some teachers have many in their rooms, and I'm not sure why. These may be more effectively used in the pods where students can have better access to them. I would also suggest taking a look at where printers and copiers are housed, as misuse and breakage continues to be a problem when they are placed out in the common areas.
English	could each academy have a certain number of carts? And f we have a writing class freshmen year - shouldn't they have a cart full time? we could mke that the standard and be flexible when needed.
English	I liked the new system of color coding this year - made laptop maintenance a little more efficient not having to match up numbers on computers with numbers on shelves. We do need a stronger server, more laptops and need to make sure that software is available on all laptops. Please be sure to keep Tyler Faucher on board. He was a wonderful help. Maybe there are other students like him who can help manage the maintenance and migration of laptop carts. Also - get E.J. hired back! (I know you have no control over this). But I have to register my deep disappointment at the elimination of his position. Who is going to lend the support and help in the absence of a technology integration specialist. With E.J., though, it's not just the position. We're losing a fabulous, caring and dedicated colleague. This is a loss for both computer technology integration and for the Noble community.
Health/PE	Tutorials needed them more often then they were available.
Math	I am very concerned that there will be no E.J. next year. Who will take over his responsibilities? Laptop carts? I think we are in trouble.
Music	Do you mean things that don't cost money? Hmmm... Otherwise, updated software and hardware in the music area would be great!
Science	Money from the technology budget to spend on other forms of educational technology other than computers - science probeware, LCDs, etc..

Social Studies	I have appreciated and enjoyed collaborating with EJ throughout the year. He has listened to my ideas then helped me plan & implement my lessons with patience, enthusiasm and respect for the students and curriculum. When I needed help with the computers he was available almost immediately to help us problem solve. Without his encouragement and support I would not have pursued many of the activities I implemented. Probably the biggest issue I faced throughout the year was the condition of the laptops when received from previous teacher.
Special Education	Increasing the speed of the regular computers so there is less waiting for connection to the server. I am impressed that I did not witness much if any server-freeze and loss of work as in years passed.
World Languages	A computer lab option, (classes move to computers vs. computers come to individual classes) where perhaps more than one class can access computers in the same block. In other words I only need 45 minutes of computer time in a given block, it would make computers available for another class for the other 45 minutes that same block. I don't believe that is happening now with laptop carts (maybe it does within teams...but not for globals). Once someone signs up for a cart they keep them the entire block even though they may not be using them the entire block. I also think that some individuals/teams monopolize laptops leaving little availability for others. The library is an option (not always available) which is great for research, but less ideal for 'noisier' applications & instruction.
World Languages	How can we allow more teachers to be able to reserve the carts more often and not only the same teachers over and over.