



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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1. **For all staff:** Email phishing success! The EACS staff did a wonderful job of handling and NOT clicking on a couple of phishing emails I devised and sent out in February and April. Please take a look at [this short \(1:09\) video](#) celebrating what a nice job EACS staff did with the phishing emails. 1,281 emails were sent, and only a combined total of 50 people took the “bait” by clicking on the phishing email. **Great work EACS!** As a reminder, if you believe an email is spam or phishing, you may either block the domain, or forward the email to HELPdesk and ask them to block.

2. **For all STEM-related teachers:** Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology is offering free Alternative energies summer training this summer. Rose-Hulman PRISM will be facilitating the Sustainable Alternative Energies Summer Boot Camp for Indiana STEM teachers, grades four through 12. The purpose of this free program is to provide teachers a true boot-camp experience in sustainable alternative energies, combining academic professional development with vocational site visits to alternative energy providers in Indiana. Teachers can also receive, upon completion of the institute, **45 Professional Growth Points** to apply on their Indiana teacher’s license renewal. More information of PGPs!) is available [here](#). (That is a **LOT** of PGPs!)



3. **For all Canvas users:** [Here is Canvas’s End of the Year FAQs](#). Congratulations on making it to the end of the most challenging year in education history! The [Canvas End of the Year FAQs](#) provide answers to your most commonly asked questions. Canvas supports our teachers! If this does not answer your Canvas questions, please contact your Tech Coach.



4. **For all Staff:** Yesterday, the FCC opened up a wonderful program that many parents and staff will be eligible for, known as the FCC Broadband LifeLine program. [Here is the link to the website](#). When clicking the link, there is a large, blue "Apply Now" button. In summary, the program provides, to eligible households, a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service and a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers. There are eligibility requirements, which **MOST** of our families and staff will be able to qualify for. **Please note**, this is **not** an EACS program, but a Federal program through the Federal Communications Commission, and so staff/parent questions would need to go to the phone numbers and email addresses given by the FCC site.



Fun Technology Fact: Probably inspired by Wall-E, the autonomous robotic street sweeper “Trombia Free” cleans up city streets in Helsinki. In my mind, this technology cannot get here fast enough, and this is a wonderful and dynamic field for students to consider. Developed by Finland’s Trombia Technologies, the fully autonomous electric street sweeper was first unveiled last year, and now the company has taken it to the streets of Helsinki as part of the Jätkäsaari Mobility Lab. The robot will begin operations along the Helsinki Baana bicycle lane as well as night-time street cleaning elsewhere in the city. [Read more of the article here](#). We all have driven through any major American city, and know that Interstates and highways are filthy with refuse blown out or tossed out of automobiles. This robot would work wonders in cleaning up cities. [Take a look at this video](#).