<u>Professional Learning and Development</u> (PLAD)

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WVNET is proud to introduce our newest software innovation, the Professional Learning and Development system. PLAD helps take the paperwork out of tracking personal training hours. Our simple and effective interface ensures that teachers and staff can quickly enter their training hours, and administrators can audit and approve training with ease. Our goal is to provide you with a solution that goes hand in hand with your current training practices and doesn't get in the way. When logging in, staff are greeted with a notice of the hours they have accrued for the school year as well as a summary report of their training attendance. PLAD provides forms for entering attendance records, viewing records and providing feedback with a session survey. Administrative users have access to a custom dashboard where they can approve attendance, edit staff, and maintain a list of pre-approved training sessions. District administrators can enter staff attendance records in bulk with just a few mouse clicks. There are also multiple customizable reports available. PLAD was developed in conjunction with Lewis County schools and when asked about it, this is what Technology Director Jeff Tidd had to say about it: "PLAD is the staff development management system that Lewis County needed. Every vendor we reached out to was trying to sell us a staff development management system, plus other features that we didn't need or plan to use. PLAD is a simple, easy-to-use system that allows us to record staff development for all employees and print reports." Tracking professional learning and development online has the advantage of being accessible by many people at any time from any computer with an internet connection, including mobile devices. At the same time, it is protected from unauthorized access by strong security and encryption. PLAD is hosted at our secure facility in Morgantown, WV and backed up, off-site, at our Charleston secure facility.

If you would like more information about how your institution can use PLAD, contact Chevee Dodd at $304-293-5192 \times 260$ or cdodd@wvnet.edu.