

Tredyffrin/Easttown School District

Office of Instructional Technology

April 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians of 8th and 9th Grade Students,

Consistent with a goal in the District Strategic Plan to "harness the power of technology to advance learning while engaging and empowering students in a connected world," the T/E School Board recently approved a 1:1 Technology Initiative that will provide laptops to all 9th and 10th grade students in the 2016-17 school year for their use in school and at home.

Families will be asked to pay an annual cost-sharing fee of \$50 per student, with a maximum annual family fee of \$100. This fee will cover the manufacturer's extended warranty and Accidental Damage Protection, as well as a case and set-up/maintenance of the device. Please contact your child's current guidance counselor or building administrator if the cost-sharing fee poses a financial hardship for your family. Families will continue to have the option of providing their own device in lieu of using a District-provided laptop. Personal devices used in lieu of District-provided laptops will have to meet the minimum technical requirements outlined in the attached FAQ document.

As we prepare to order the laptops for next year, we are asking parents/guardians of children who plan to provide their own device to inform us by completing the online BYOD Registration Form (www.tesd.net/byod) or by contacting the Conestoga High School Main Office (610-240-1000) by Friday, April 22. No action is required at this time if your child intends to use a District-provided laptop.

Additional information about the 1:1 Technology Initiative is included on our Frequently Asked Questions document. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions about the 1:1 Technology Initiative.

Sincerely,

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