



Tredyffrin/Easttown School District Office of Instructional Technology

August 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians of Conestoga High School Students,

I hope you and your family have been enjoying summer break. I am writing to provide updated information regarding the 1:1 Technology Initiative. As I shared in my April communication, 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 District is expanding the 1:1 Technology Initiative to provide laptops to all Conestoga High School students in the 2017-18 school year for their use in school and at home. I am pleased to share that we are ready to begin the process of distributing the laptops to our students.

In an attempt to make the transition back to school a smooth one for all of our students, we are offering several opportunities for students to pick up their laptops before the start of school. Laptops will be available in the Conestoga High School auditorium on the following dates and times:

Monday, August 21: 3PM-6PM

Tuesday, August 22: 8AM-Noon

Wednesday, August 23: 3PM-6PM

Thursday, August 24: 8AM-Noon

Friday, August 25: 8AM-Noon

All students, including those who used a District-provided laptop last year, are required to watch a brief online orientation video prior to coming to pick up their laptop (available at tesd.net/laptops). In addition to watching the orientation video, students will need to provide: (1) Acceptable Use Agreement signed by student, (2) Agreement for Laptop Use signed by student and parent/guardian, and (3) \$50 Cost-Sharing Fee (check made out to Tredyffrin/Easttown School District if not paid online in advance). The Acceptable Use Agreement and Agreement for Laptop Use are available for your review at www.tesd.net/laptops, and copies for you to sign will be provided at the distribution sessions. All

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students will sign the Acceptable Use Agreement when they pick up their laptop. If you do not plan to be present when your child receives their laptop, please print and sign the Agreement for Laptop Use in advance.

If your child does not wish to, or is unable to, pick up their laptop prior to the start of the school year, laptops will also be available for pickup during the first week of school.

Families are asked to pay an annual cost-sharing fee of \$50 per student, with a maximum annual family fee of \$100. This fee covers the manufacturer's extended warranty and Accidental Damage Protection, as well as a case and set-up/maintenance of the device. The fee can be paid online in advance (information is available at www.tesd.net/laptops) or by check when the laptop is picked up. Please contact me or a Conestoga building administrator prior to your child picking up their laptop if the cost-sharing fee poses a financial hardship for your family.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the 1:1 Technology Initiative. We are excited to offer this opportunity to our students as part of our continuing efforts to support innovative teaching and learning in the T/E School District.

Sincerely,

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