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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Technology Integration Enhancement (TIE) initiative has been successful since implementation in the 2014-2015 school year and we look forward to continuing the program. The purpose of this initiative is to provide opportunities for all students to learn all of the time anywhere. Five goals have been established in the areas of academic content, communications and collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving, creativity, and innovation with specific teacher and student indicators.

Students in grades 4-8 will have a personal computer assigned to them to use at school and at home throughout the school year. Your student will use the same device each year, and return it at the end of the school year to be updated during the summer. Parents/guardians of incoming students in grades 3-4 must attend an orientation/training session just before school opening. Additional computer training sessions will be offered to parents throughout the year.

Also, each third grade student will have a personal computer to use at school. Students in grades K-2 will use clusters of personal computers and an electronic whiteboard in each classroom.

Our school district is leasing the computers over a four-year period. An annual technology fee will provide for a bag that students in grades 4-8 will use from year-to-year to carry the device. Students may keep the bags when they leave the district. The fee also covers the maintenance of the computers, software upgrades, and other technology-related costs. Yearly fees will be as follows:

- Grades 4-8      \$85
- Grade 3        \$65
- Grades K-2     \$35

Annually the TIE initiative will be assessed to determine the extent the goals and related indicators are being achieved and adjustments will be made for further improvement. We are now able to extend learning as well to further engage and motivate students. Please contact your child's principal or me if you have any questions about this exciting project.

Sincerely,  
*Philip M. Ehrhardt*, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

**Note: Please sign/have student sign the attached green form and return it with your registration materials.**