Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to continue our 1:1 technology initiative for our middle school students for the 2019-20 school year. In the fall of 2017, Otsego voters supported the request to bring this opportunity to our students and we are very thankful. This year we rolled out the initiative to our 6th-8th grade students and it went very well. Students proved to be great caretakers of their devices and expanded their learning in new ways.

This coming fall, 7th and 8th grade students will be assigned the Chromebook they had last year and will again be allowed to take it home. Our 6th graders will be assigned their own Chromebook as well. These devices are assigned to them throughout their middle school years.

We will be holding parent meetings on June 12th and June 13th at 6pm at the OHS media center. We will also host a meeting on August 13th at the middle school auditorium at 5:30pm. August 13th corresponds with the 6th grade parent orientation. During these meetings the Director of Technology will go over the guidelines, expectations and handbook details for this new device. We will also answer any questions parents might have about the implementation. We will hold student-specific meetings to go over these same details at the start of the school year.

In order for your student to receive his/her Chromebook during the first week of school, a parent/guardian must have attended one of these meetings in June or August OR have watched an online video containing the same details as the face-to-face meetings. After attending a meeting or watching the video, you will be asked to sign an agreement that you understand the responsibility upon the student and family, then decide whether to decline the insurance we offer or accept and pay the insurance fee. Once the necessary paperwork is complete, your child will be eligible to receive their chromebook during the scheduled distribution time. The insurance fee is $25 per student. For students who qualify for reduced lunch, the fee is $15 and for those who qualify for free lunch, the fee is $10. There is a family cap of $50.

We hope to see you in person in June or August, but if it does not work with your schedule, you can access the video online at https://tinyurl.com/OPS1to1ParentMeeting. If you attended a meeting last year, it's the same information. Parents/Guardians are required to sign the parent agreement and pay for (or decline) the insurance each year. You can view and sign the Parent/Guardian Agreement online at https://tinyurl.com/OPS1to1Agreement. If you wish to purchase the insurance online, you will be given the link after you submit the Parent/Guardian agreement.

If you have questions once you have watched the video, please contact Michelle Triemstra, our Director of Technology at 269-694-7921 or at mtriemstra@otsegops.org.

Thank you,

Melissa Koenig
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