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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

As the new school year approaches, we have exciting changes and updates to our technology integration and innovation at the Fox-Point Bayside School District. During the 2017-2018 school year, students in grades 5-8 will each be assigned a specific Chromebook which they will use at school throughout all their years at Bayside Middle School. The students will pick up and return their assigned device at the beginning and end of each school day.

This new redistribution plan addresses the evolving needs of our students across the district. By changing the current Chromebook distribution, we are able to shift more of our devices down to the elementary level and give all Bayside students access to a device throughout the entire school day. This change now provides all students in grades 2nd-8th with 1:1 classroom device access and increases the amount of devices for K4-1st grade. This will be a winning scenario both by utilizing our current resources and by increasing student access to technology to help facilitate their learning.

With this 1:1 in-school plan, students will only use their assigned device within school and will not take home their assigned Chromebook. The decision to keep the devices within the building came from the results of our annual technology survey which evaluated student home access, and consideration for the additional costs associated with a 1:1 take home option. Due to the current needs of our students, a limited number of Chromebooks and Kajeet mobile hotspots will be available for Bayside student home use upon parent request.

In order to clearly communicate and support the student responsibilities of this Chromebook distribution, expectations have been integrated into Bayside Middle School's PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) system. Also, teachers in grades 2nd-8th grade will have access to Hapara Highlights, a learning management tool which provides teachers with greater visibility and access into students' learning and technology usage.

Our continued commitment to the learning and development of all children drives our vision as we plan our district's technology integration efforts for the future. We look forward to the learning opportunities provided by these strategic changes and improvements to our district's technology integration.

Respectfully,

Jodi Hackl, Bayside Middle School Principal

Amanda Orth, District Technology Integration and Innovation Coordinator

Highlights of the 1:1 In-School Plan

- Each Bayside Middle School student will be assigned to a Chromebook which they will use throughout all their years at Bayside Middle School.
- Each year, the incoming 5th grade students will receive a new Chromebook as part of our four-year replacement cycle.
- Students will pick up and return their assigned Chromebook from a charging cart located in their 9th period class (5th, 6th, and 7th grade) or LMC (8th grade).
- Chromebooks will be locked and stored on the top shelf of their locker during lunch/recess time and Gym class when not in use.
- Teachers for grades 2nd-8th will have access to *Hapara Highlights*, a learning management tool which provides greater visibility and access into students learning and technology usage.
- Bayside BYOD or Bring Your Own Device program will be discontinued as students have access to a school issued device. In certain situations, personal devices may be used during specific projects as directed by the individual teacher.
- Student expectations and responsibilities for the care and usage of their assigned device are integrated into the current school wide PBIS system.
- Students are expected to bring their assigned Chromebook to each class throughout the day (except gym and lunch/recess).
- All students in 2nd-8th grade at Fox Point-Bayside have access to a 1:1 Chromebook device. K4-1st have shared access to touchscreen Chromebooks and five iPads per class.

1:1 In-School Chromebook FAQ's

Will students continue to be able to bring their own personal device?

- As the district now provides a Chromebook for each student in grades 2nd-8th grade, the BYOD program at Bayside Middle School will be discontinued for the 2017-2018 school year. See the school policy for student cell phone use.

Does Bayside still have a BYOD or Bring Your Own Device program?

- No, this program is ended for the 2017-2018 school year. Occasionally, in certain situations, personal devices may be used during specific projects requiring their usage as directed by the individual teacher.

Why is the district using Hapara Highlights?

- Hapara Highlights is a learning management program which provides teachers with greater visibility into the students' technology usage and learning. This service is invaluable for the effective management of 1:1 devices and flexible learning classroom settings.

Why is Hapara Highlights only available to students in 2nd- 8th grade?

- Students first receive their school managed G Suite (formerly called Google Apps for Education) account starting in 2nd grade. Hapara Highlights syncs with their G Suite account which is used to sign into their Chromebooks.

Why are we using Chromebooks? Why not a PC, Mac, or iPad?

- Currently, Chromebooks are the most cost-effective and efficient device to facilitate learning available. Along with the powerful learning tools provided with the school managed G Suite domain (foxbay.org), students are able to utilize this device seamlessly into the school environment. Like a spiral notebook, the Chromebook is the most versatile device and can meet the majority of our learning needs.
- iPads and Macs are available to students for usage through the Bayside LMC and Makerspace to facilitate learning for projects which utilize programs specific to these devices. At Stormonth, iPads are available in every classroom (five per class grades K4-1st, one per class 2nd-4th grade) and in the school Makerspace.

Why does the incoming 5th grade class receive the new Chromebooks?

- Each year, students entering 5th grade will be issued a new Chromebook device. This provides students with a new device starting their academic career at Bayside Middle School which will run the course of its four- year life span.

Why are students not allowed to bring home their assigned device?

- Currently, the survey data from students during the 2016-2017 school year revealed there was a limited need for additional home access to devices and/or internet access. The district will provide a limited number of Chromebooks and Kajeets (mobile hotspot) available for Bayside student home use upon **parent request**.

How will teachers support and manage students carrying their own devices?

- Student expectations for the usage and care of their device will be clearly communicated and supported through the existing PBIS system. Device specific and digital citizenship expectations have been integrated into the PBIS system, such as cool tool lessons, PBIS beginning of the year kick-off, and Major/Minor referrals.

Am I responsible for damages to the device?

- Students are expected to use their assigned device safely, responsibly, and respectfully. Through the behavioral referral process, if students intentionally damage or vandalize any device, they may be responsible for the necessary repairs. When a device is damaged, it will be turned into the District IT specialist who will determine the extent of the repair necessary. Students will use a loaner device from the LMC until their assigned Chromebook returns.

How will students know which device is assigned to them?

- Each device is identified by an asset tag and specific number for the assigned cart and slot for their Chromebook. Students must not remove or damage either identification tag.

Can students decorate their devices?

- Student assigned devices may be reissued after the four-year cycle for loaners, check-out devices, other uses. Therefore, students may NOT decorate or mark up their assigned device.

Will the Chromebooks come with cases?

- The HP 11" Chromebooks used for the 1:1 In-school plan are durable and made for student use. Students will be issued the device without any additional case or cover.

Will I have the option to purchase insurance?

- At this time, we are not providing insurance for the devices as they are not leaving the school building at any time.