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Dear Sprague School Families -

We are excited to share that our Board of Education approved the 1:1 Teaching and Learning Initiative for the upcoming, 2016-2017 school year. With this approval comes some exciting (and needed) changes to our current 1:1 pilot program. Please see the list below for some highlights or the full list by CLICKING HERE.

Schoolwide -

• Students will no longer have the opportunity to remove devices from school grounds, unless specific direction from a teacher is provided, or as indicated below.

Current Kindergarten students (next year's 1st grade students) -

- We have reduced the number of 1:1 participation options from three, down to, two. Families can either participate through the new *Technology Fee* of \$125 or substitute the *Technology Fee* by *Leasing* (*Rent-to-Own*) an iPad Air 2 for a total cost of \$495 (\$165 per year, multiplied by 3 years).
- Technology Fee, \$125 Families that participate in this option will be provided with a 1:1 learning device, all necessary learning apps, and all device support. The fee will also support classroom and school technology needs.
- *iPad Lease* (Rent-to-Own), \$495 (\$165 per year) During year #1, families that participate in this option will be provided with a brand new, Apple iPad Air 2 device, one protective case and one charger. The school will manage the device exactly as it would all other District owned devices until the balance is paid in full; at that point, the family assumes total ownership of that device.

Current 1st grade students (next year's 2nd grade students) -

- As a consideration to all families currently participating in the 1:1 pilot, the participation options will remain consistent. Families can either participate through the new *Technology Fee* of \$125, substitute the *Technology Fee* by "Leasing (Rent-to-Own)" an iPad Air 2 for a total cost of \$495 (\$165 per year, multiplied by 3 years), or choose the "BYO iPad" option. Note: iPad minis are not supported.
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- **BYO iPad** Families will have a choice to purchase an iPad for use at school, but devices will stay at school Mondays through Thursdays. Families choosing the *BYO iPad* will also be responsible to provide any needed apps. The district will publish a per grade level "App List," so families know exactly which apps are required. The parameters below explain what types of devices families can utilize.
 - All BYO iPads must have a 9.7" screen or larger (iPad Minis are not acceptable) and be able to use an Apple Lightning Connector (30-pin adapters will not be supported).
 - o All devices should be an iPad Air, iPad Air 2, or newer.
 - All devices <u>must</u> be at least an *iPad with Retina Display*, also known as an "*iPad 4*" or "*iPad 4th Generation*."
 - Devices used for school purposes only can have the minimum of 16 GB of hard drive space. If the device will be used for both instructional and personal activities, it is recommended to have a minimum of 32 GB of hard drive space.
 - All iPad models contain "Wifi" capabilities. "Wifi + Cellular" models are not necessary for learning and are not encouraged by the District. While on District grounds, devices are not permitted to use any cellular capabilities, and any use of outside the District networks is considered a violation of the Acceptable Use Policy. Students will be held accountable.
 - Discounted models can be purchased online. The District does not support or endorse any 3rd party device vendors, but does suggest making any purchases through *Apple* approved vendors only.
 - Families are responsible for any additional hardware or accessories that may be required (cases, chargers, etc). A protective case is STRONGLY recommended.
 - All software and app purchases needed for instructional activities are the sole responsibility of the family.
 Families will be provided with a list of "free" and "paid" apps that are required at each grade level, and will be notified if additional purchases are necessary.
 - District personnel will provide tier 1 (basic) support to students, but it is the sole responsibility of the family to ensure the BYO device is working effectively to support classroom instruction.

We are notifying families of these device options now, so that you can make choices before registering your child online for the 2016-2017 school year and paying the related fees. We expect online registration to open by the end of May.

Sincerely,

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