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Dear Parent and Guardians:

July 12, 2015

We are pleased to announce an exciting new curricular technology initiative for our students. Recognizing the ever-increasing importance of digital technology in the lives of students worldwide, Shoals Community School Corporation aspires to provide our students with every advantage in real-world application and college preparation through the use of educational technology. Starting with the 2016-2017 school year all students in grades 5-12 will have their own individual Chromebook. Students in grades 3-4 will have a classroom set of chromebooks that will be kept at the school. Students in grades K-2 will have a classroom set of iPad's that will be kept at the school.

Distribution

Devices will be distributed to students in grades 5-12 on the first day of school. Students will have an opportunity to hear a presentation about their devices before they are distributed.

Use of Technology Agreement

The student and his/her parent or guardian must sign the device agreement before a student receives the device. This agreement will be distributed during registration and must be returned before or during the first day of school.

Fees

For students in grades 5-12, a student fee statement will be given at Registration on July 21, 2016. The fee statement includes the annual per-student fee (\$64.68) for the device, which are obtained at a reduced rate by the district. Most other textbook rental fees have been eliminated.

Accidental Damage Protection

The device will come with accidental damage protection for an additional \$18 per year. This cost will include unlimited repairs. Any damage or repair not covered by the manufacturer's and accidental damage policy will be the responsibility of the student and his/her parent/guardian. In the event of loss or theft of the device, the student and his/her parent/guardian will be responsible for the replacement cost.

Shoals Community School Corporation believes in advancing our school and preparing them for the challenges that await for them after high school. With our fast paced society, our goal is to prepare our students today for future jobs that we do not yet even know exist. We are excited about this opportunity and we understand there will be kinks to work out and challenges along the way, but we are committed to advancing our programs. Classroom teachers have been preparing for this coming school year and have attended many professional development training sessions. The effort is a work in progress and will be taken in small steps to ensure our curricular goals are being met. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Candace Roush