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Re: Bring Your Own Device Update

Dear Algonquin Families,

As we look forward to preparing for our 2020 school year, we wanted to share some below information. In order to effectively continue to grow and improve for our students, we have continued to be reflective in both our previous and current practices. Thank you to all of our faculty members, our parents, and students, and our community members for their positive support of our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative this school year. Equally, thank you to all of our stakeholders for their feedback and recommendations to continue to grow our BYOD program. As done with our Canvas Learning Management System rollout and our infrastructure updates, we are looking into our second year of how we can continue to grow our BYOD program and improve our practices.

We held parent and student information sessions on how to support our BYOD initiative this year. In addition to this work, we have sent home multiple communications on recommended devices to purchase, updates to programs and improvements to protocols. With this ongoing work, we have looked into best practices by other districts and have taken on the next round of improvements to this process.

For 2019-2020, in collaboration with our Instructional Technology (IT) department and Central Office supports we will be purchasing additional Chromebooks. The purpose of these additional resources is to afford all students the option of continuing to choose to bring their own device or to borrow a school-owned device.

As we continue our work and expand our support with the purchase of additional Chromebooks, we are blending our BYOD program where most students opt to bring in their own device with a modified 1 to 1 program. This work enables us to be able to support more students who chose not to bring in their own device

As we continue this work, please know that we will maintain our current practices of having long-term loaners for all students if they choose not to bring in their own device. We will continue to plan to build our modified 1 to 1 initiative and resources as we move forward towards a full Algonquin Digital Integration (ADI) opportunity. Thank you to our community members, faculty and IT staff, and our School Committee members for their support in the growth of both our ADI and IT resources.

Sincerely,



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