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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Morris Hills Regional School District is busy preparing for the school year, and we would like to inform you of an exciting component of our instructional program for the 2020-2021 school year. Strategic technology integration is key to supplementing an authentic, engaging, and relevant learning environment. Our goal is to cultivate a dynamic environment that will enhance teaching and learning. Toward that end, MHRD will continue to implement a 1:1 Chromebook initiative at both Morris Knolls High School and Morris Hills High School. Every 9th grade student will receive a Chromebook that will be used to foster creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration. Students will be provided daily access to valuable applications and resources to strengthen student achievement across the curriculum and foster the development of 21st century skills.

To prepare for continued implementation, our teachers have been participating in a 1:1 program which has afforded them the opportunity to attend professional development workshops, as well as incorporate the technology into their daily instruction. Furthermore, the district has made great strides in preparing our classrooms with infrastructure needs, including wireless capabilities and updated software that provides a foundation for students and teachers to enhance their educational experience.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and schools across the country purchasing technology for its students, the district's newly purchased Chromebooks are currently on backorder. All members of the Class of 2024 will eventually receive a touchscreen Chromebook. In the interim, all students will be provided with a Chromebook from the current district inventory.

**Chromebooks will be distributed to freshmen students on the following dates:**

**Morris Hills High School**                      **August 25, 2020 / 12PM to 6PM / Auditorium**

**Morris Knolls High School**                      **August 26, 2020 / 12PM to 6PM / Main Entrance**

All students must wear a mask, at all times, when entering the building to secure their Chromebook. We ask that parents/guardians remain in their vehicle while only the student enters the school building.

**In advance of Chromebook distribution, all students and parents must complete the following using MySchoolBucks. Please visit our website for more information.**

- **Sign and agree to the Acceptable Use Policy**
- **Sign the Anti-Big Brother Act Annual Notification Form**
- **Pay the annual \$27.50 maintenance/insurance fee**

**The annual \$27.50 maintenance/insurance fee must be paid prior to picking your Chromebook on August 25th or August 26th.** This fee covers unintentional and non-negligent damage in addition to a yearly accidental damage waiver. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch may also be eligible for low-cost home internet options. Additional details will be provided in early September.

In advance, thank you for your support of this initiative as we strive to continually improve the classroom learning experience for all students. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns you might have.

Sincerely,

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