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Dear Parent or Guardian:

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The Morris Hills Regional School District is busy preparing for the school year, and we would like to inform you of an exciting aspect of our instructional program for the 2024 - 2025 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, the MHRD will once again implement a 1:1 Chromebook program at both Morris Knolls High School and Morris Hills High School during the 2024 - 2025 school year. 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.

Our teachers have been participating in our 1:1 program for the last several years. Staff members have been afforded the opportunity to attend professional development workshops focusing on incorporating 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.

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

<b>Morris Hills High School Students</b>	<b>August 14, 2024</b>	<b>10AM to 1PM &amp; 3PM to 6PM</b>	<b>MH Auditorium</b>
<b>Morris Knolls High School Students</b>	<b>August 15, 2024</b>	<b>10AM to 1PM &amp; 3PM to 6PM</b>	<b>General Office Lobby</b>

**After Chromebook distribution and prior to the start of the 2024 - 2025 school year, all students and parents must complete the steps below using MySchoolBucks. Parents/guardians will be notified, via ASPEN, when the MySchoolBucks portal is open for payment. 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 \$27.50 maintenance/insurance fee**

**Please click [HERE](#) for a MySchoolBucks informational tutorial. Again, parents/guardians and students do not need to make any payments to receive a Chromebook prior to August 14th and August 15th. All payments will be made after the distribution dates when the portal opens. You will receive an ASPEN email indicating that the portal is open for payment.**

This fee covers unintentional and non-negligent damage in addition to a yearly accidental damage waiver. Please be advised that students and parents/guardians who complete the appropriate annual steps with regard to the Chromebooks/MySchoolBucks will be permitted to keep the Chromebook after graduation from MKHS or MHHS. 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 about those options.

In advance, thank you for your support of this program 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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