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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of the Manchester Public School's ongoing initiative to ensure that all students have access to the tools necessary to succeed in the 21st century, students in grades 6-8 will begin taking home their assigned Chromebook in mid- September.

We know that learning doesn't end when the final bell rings, and that there are many ways our students could extend on what they are studying during the school day. At the high school, students use their Chromebooks to learn, research, collaborate and create when at home, and we believe that this opportunity is one that all secondary students should have. Last year, a 6-8th grade take home pilot resulted in students being more engaged in class and better able to complete their work in general-- both at home and in school. It is this type of engagement that we believe will make a difference in our students' learning. Since our achievement gap doesn't appear suddenly in 9th grade, and we see consistent access to technology as an important piece of our effort to address this complex problem, allowing the devices to go home is a big part of our next step in transforming the learning environment for our students. With constant access to 21st century tools for learning, teachers can continue to develop new assignments and assessments that promote meaningful engagement with the curriculum.

As students travel throughout the day, there is a risk that Chromebooks could get lost or broken either **on school property or at home**. To help protect against receiving a "book bill" to replace a device or a charge for a repair, please consider taking advantage of the insurance offered by the district. Detailed information about insurance is on the next page.

In order to better address the questions you may have about payment of insurance, the function of the device at home or how having a device at home might benefit your child, you can contact the Manchester High School library at 860-647-3565. After school starts, questions can be addressed by either your school's Library/Media Specialist or Principal. We are, as always, looking forward to hearing from you.

The Chromebook handbook can be found online at your school's website.

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Chromebook Insurance

Chromebook insurance is offered solely through Manchester Public Schools and is highly recommended. The insurance plan for \$40 covers the device for one school calendar year for issues that occur in or out of school. Insurance ordinarily covers two smaller incidents (loss of a charger, broken screen) or the full replacement of the device if it is lost, stolen or damaged beyond repair.

At the time the second Chromebook is distributed, Parents/Guardians will have the option of insuring the second Chromebook at a rate of \$60 for the remainder of the school year.

If a second Chromebook needs replacement, insurance for the third will no longer be an option and Parent/Guardians will be responsible for the full replacement cost of \$175 if the third Chromebook is lost/stolen/damaged.

Replacement costs without insurance:

- Chromebook \$175
- Charger \$20
- Screen \$50
- Batteries \$60
- Keyboard \$70

Please return the form below to your child's school librarian after making your choice.

The deadline for insurance is October 31st:

Child's name (first, last) _____ Team _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Parent / guardian's name _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Parent / guardian's signature _____

_____ **Yes, I would like insurance** (insurance only goes into effect when the school receives payment)
(Make check or money order out to your child's school. Please be sure to include your child's name on the memo line. Cash is accepted in person (not through the mail))

_____ **No, I am not interested in insurance**

Prior to the first day of school, please call the Manchester High School Library at 860-647-3565 with any questions regarding insurance and payment options. After the start of the school year, please call your child's school library with any questions.