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Dear Parents / Guardians,

As many of you are aware at the start of the 2014-2015 school year, Google Chromebooks will be assigned to each student in grades 6 through 8 and available in grade 5 classrooms to provide access to technology at school and to transform learning. Increasing student engagement is critical to keeping students in school and increasing student achievement. There is evidence that if we change the way instruction is delivered by using technology to involve students in rigorous learning opportunities that are differentiated to meet their needs, student engagement will also increase.

To provide students the most effective and current tools for learning, Manchester Public Schools will provide all students with Google Apps for Education accounts. Google Apps for Education includes free, web-based programs like Google Docs, Presentations, Spreadsheets and Forms. Every student will be provided with an account and password to access these online tools within the secure MPS Google Apps for Education environment.

Collaboration and sharing of docs will be restricted to accounts within the MPS Google Apps for Education environment. Students will not be able to receive or share documents outside this password protected environment. Likewise, advertisements, and all other forms of data tracking are turned off for these accounts.

Students will not use the Google Chat/Talk, Google + or Gmail features at this time. Students may access their Google Apps for Education accounts at home, the library, or anywhere with Internet access. School staff will monitor student use of Apps when students are at school. Parents are responsible for monitoring their child's use of Apps when accessing programs from home. Students are responsible for their own behavior at all times in accordance with the MPS Acceptable Use Policy – see attached.

We look forward to embarking on this exciting use of embedded technology with each of our students and their families. Should you have any questions regarding the use of Google Apps for Education accounts, please contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

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