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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your families are doing well. This letter provides information about the district's plan for technology for the 20-21 school year. All Pre-K through grade 12 students will have access to a district owned iPad device to use. More information about iPad distribution will be provided by each school's principal. The school district will provide Wi-Fi hotspots to families in need in order to provide internet access for students while at home. Need will be based on individual learning plans, including ELL, IEPs, 504s, and students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. More information can be obtained from your child's school if there is a need for a Wi-Fi hotspot.

Remote-only, hybrid and in-person instruction will be delivered via the use of Google Classroom, online video conferencing, video recordings, and district approved online platforms and resources. Daily and/or weekly learning plans, directions, resources, and learning tasks will be provided to students in order to facilitate daily learning. Teachers will use Google Classroom to facilitate instruction, distribute and collect student work, assess and grade student progress, and provide ongoing feedback. Google Classroom will also allow for the full use of the G Suite applications including Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Forms. These Google applications are used throughout the K-12 curriculum for assignments, projects, presentations, quizzes, collaboration, and communication.

The Zoom application will continue to be used by teachers for live video conferencing. In the classroom, staff will have the capability to utilize the iPad with a tripod or the classroom desktop PC along with Zoom to engage learners that are not physically present. Students will be able to view lessons and demonstrations, ask questions, and participate in discussions. Security features and updates will continue to be monitored and implemented by the district.

Teachers will use the iPad and other applications to create instructional videos with voiceovers, text, images, and more. Video streaming services will also be used for content delivery that students can access during instruction and on their own as needed. Other approved online platforms and resources will also be used for collaboration and discussion. At the elementary level, the Seesaw platform will supplement instruction and communication within Google Classroom. Seesaw is a digital portfolio tool and assists with student engagement, submission of varied student work, and ongoing feedback.

The District is now providing information and tutorials via the new [NP Parent/Student website](#) to support remote and hybrid learning. The site can also be accessed through each school's website under the *Parents/Students* tab and through the district site under the *Community* tab. The site includes video tutorials and resources related to Google Classroom, Zoom, the iPad, Powerschool, and other platforms and applications. More information will continue to be shared by building principals and the website will be updated accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JRichter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jay" and last name "Richter" clearly distinguishable.

Jay Richter
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