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TO: Board of Education

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SUBJ: Agenda Items – Policy Update for First Read

Attached you will find the proposed Policy Update for your consideration.

- 2020-2021 Montgomery County Schools Device Program Technology Handbook

(3225/4312/7320), the Student Code of Conduct, and other potentially applicable Board policies in the Board policy manual. The policy can be found in this handbook and on Montgomery County Schools website at www.montgomery.k12.nc.us.

- Under no circumstance will the student use the Device, or permit the Device to be used to access any networks, websites, or online resources including instant messaging ("IM"), chat rooms, or non-school social networking websites unless access has been specifically approved by MCS.
- Any attempt to circumvent content filtering, such as using anonymous proxies, is a violation of this policy.
- The student's parents/guardians are solely responsible for ensuring that the student's use of the Device to access the Internet while off campus will be safe and responsible and in compliance with all applicable laws, policies, rules, and regulations. The student and student's parent/guardian will hold MCS and its employees faultless for any harm that may come to the student or any other person as a result of the student's off-campus Internet activities.
- Should the student inadvertently gain access through the Device to any confidential information about other MCS students, including but not limited to course work or grade information, or MCS staff members, the student will immediately report the incident to the school principal or the Director of Technology and will not share the information with any other person.
- MCS reserves the right to change the terms or conditions of the student's possession or use of the Device, or to impose new restrictions on use or possession of the Device at any time.
- Any violation of the terms or conditions set forth or referenced in this document may result in the possession or use of the Device being restricted, suspended, or terminated, with or without prior notice, at the sole discretion of MCS.

Parent/Guardian Permission and Annual Fee

- An orientation session will be made available online for parents/guardians to review our policies and procedures.
- As a condition of being issued a Device for take home use, all parents / guardians must sign on the MCS online Code of Conduct. Students in grades K-2 will not take devices home.
- All students will be assessed an annual technology fee for access to digital tools, such as online subscriptions for curricular content, as well as for additional staffing for technical and instructional support and other enhancements to the MCS network.
- The annual fee for ~~2019-20 will be $25.00 per child for K-2 and $40.00 per child for 3-12.~~ 2020-21 will be $40.00 per child for K-12. This is to be paid at the child's school. Parents will have the option of making a $5.00 down payment, with the remaining balance being due by the end of the school year.

Issuance and Return of Device

- On the first day of school, the Device will be issued for home use. The laptop is issued to a student and the loan is recorded in Destiny software. Students are reassigned the same laptop each year while enrolled at Montgomery County Schools.