



AKRON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

In Pursuit of Excellence

Kevin L. Shanley
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian of 5th, 7th and 9th Grade Students,

Last year the Akron Central School District was awarded the SMARTSCHOOLS Bond Act. In his 2014 State of the State Address, Governor Cuomo called for New York State to invest \$2 billion in its schools through a Smart Schools Bond Act – an initiative that would finance educational technology and infrastructure, providing students access to the latest technology and connectivity needed to succeed and compete in the global economy. Akron's allocation of these funds is \$1,255,318. New York's agreed and voted in the Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA) in November 2014. For the 2016-2017 school year this initiative will be extended to the 5th, 7th and 9th grade students. Each student will receive a Chromebook to be used in the classroom as well as at home for educational purposes. Teachers will be using computer technology, Schoology and Google Apps for Education for instruction, assignments, projects, research and assessment.

In order for your child to take home a Chromebook, a parent or guardian must review and sign the Chromebook Acknowledge Form. Detailed information is also located on the district website on the instructional technology webpage for your convenience. Your student will be receiving their Chromebook in classes during the month of September.

There will be no cost to families up front, however, everyone must realize and accept responsibility for the care of and replacement cost if lost, stolen or damaged similar to that of district issued textbooks.

This is an exciting time for the community, our students and teachers and for the school district. We are moving into a new era! The immediate access to computers and increased use of computers in education will have a beneficial effect on student learning and achievement. We truly want our students to be able to compete in our local economy and in the global market by utilizing the 1:1 program. This move will help engage students in critical thinking, collaboration and communication.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please feel free to contact Doug Dailey (Director of Technology) 716-542-5055 or Taweepon Siminski (Director of Educational Services) 716-542-5060.

Sincerely,

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