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**Digital Conversion to 1:1**

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you know, the mission of North Attleborough Public Schools is *to provide a respectful, caring, safe, and supportive environment that actively engages and challenges our students and staff to reach their full potential*. These learning environments must include access to technology for all students. Thus, one of our district goals is *to continually transform learning environments to prepare students for college, career and civic life via a Digital Conversion to a 1:1 blended learning environment in grades 6-12 while having device rich elementary schools*.

Fortunately, due to a recently awarded Digital Connections Partnership Schools Grant, our infrastructure has been updated and each classroom, at each school, now has its own wireless access point. The upgrade translates to faster and more reliable internet capacity across our district allowing for a 1:1 initiative in the North Attleborough Public Schools!

Based on recommendations from the district's Digital Learning Plan Committee, during the 2018-2019 school year, all students in Grade 6 -12 will be issued a Chromebook to use in school and at home. By issuing 1:1 devices, our students will have additional blended and personalized learning opportunities, learn to effectively collaborate, prepare for future

careers, learn digital citizenship skills and have access to resources every day at school or in locations with Wi-Fi connectivity. While grades 6-12 will be 1:1, grades PreK-5 will have the redistributed laptop carts from the high school and middle school which will increase the wireless devices available for use.

Along with this 1:1 initiative, we have determined that a platform change from Microsoft Office 365 to Google's G Suite for Education will enhance digital learning. Google's G Suite is affordable, accessible and easy to use for students of all ages and is widely used in neighboring school districts. However, we will not rush this change as all staff members and students will continue to use Office 365 during the 2018-2019 school year while transitioning to G Suite.

We are so excited about what the initiatives will mean for teaching and learning in North Attleborough Public Schools! We will continue to keep you updated during the summer and beyond. If you have additional questions about this process, please contact Director of Technology, Gideon Gaudette at [ggaudette@naschools.net](mailto:ggaudette@naschools.net). Thank you for your efforts throughout the year and for helping prepare your children for their future. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

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