



# LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents,

**Last year**, for the first time, our students in grades 1-8 were assigned a Chromebook specifically to them, allowing us to provide one-to-one technology. We began assigning **new computers** to students in grades 1 and 5. Therefore, for the second year, every first and fifth grade student will be assigned a **new** device that will travel with them for four years (1-4 and 5-8) before being retired or repurposed. The bar coding is student specific. The devices that were assigned to first and fifth grade students last year are now following those students to second and sixth grade and are entering their second year of use, etc. Since last year was the first year of this rotation, the devices assigned to some of our students across the other grade levels slightly varied in age. There are NO students in grades 3, 4, 7, or 8 that have been assigned a device that has been used for more than 3 years. Those devices are either entering their third year of use or their fourth year of use. The age of the devices DID have an impact on parental decisions to purchase Technology Insurance for children last year. In two years, I will be able to entirely guarantee the age of the devices across all grade levels once we complete the phase in of our initiative. Until then, parents have to trust that the age of the device ranges from 0 (never been used) to 3 (entering the fourth year of use).

While we work hard to teach students to be responsible, we continue to deal with broken computer components. It has become cost prohibitive for the district to purchase insurance for every computer. It is also time prohibitive for a two-person Technology Department to deal with on-going repairs. Therefore, we are strongly encouraging parents to purchase an annual **insurance policy for your child's assigned device at a cost of \$20** for this 2018-19 school year. This is **accident insurance**. If a device malfunctions, it is the district's responsibility to replace it. If your child drops or damages the computer, it is your responsibility. Should you choose **not** to purchase an insurance policy and your child damages his/her device, the following will reflect the repair costs that will be imposed:

- LCD Screen w/Case - Fully Assembled - **\$120**
- Motherboard - **\$140**
- Keyboard/Touchpad - **\$55**
- Case Top - **\$50**
- Case Bottom - **\$30**
- LCD Screen Bezel (Trim) - **\$35**
- Power plug - **\$15**

We are working with a company, Worth Ave. Group, which offers comprehensive, full-service service plans for Chromebooks, laptops, etc. The company provides competitive prices for group policies and a viable solution for our district to provide technology and maintain reasonable maintenance costs.

**PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS INSURANCE REQUEST EITHER WAY  
by submitting this portion of the form to your child's homeroom/classroom teacher**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I am purchasing the insurance and have enclosed Cash or a Check made payable to the Little Silver Board of Education

I am not purchasing the Chromebook Insurance and I will incur the cost of repair should an incident occur involving my child and his/her device