



SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

The Selinsgrove Area School District strives to provide a quality education for each student. As part of our continuous examination of our educational programs and operations, we endeavor to have students who meet the academic expectations of a global society in the most effective and efficient manner.

A necessary skill in today's world is to be information and technology literate. One way that we have identified to improve our instructional program in this area is to make sure all students have access to the resources and tools necessary to be successful, including a computer. Currently we have computers available throughout the school for student and teacher use however, the computers are typically in a lab or on a cart which limits student and teacher access for use on a regular basis or beyond the school day.

In examining our current allocation of dollars for technology and our purchasing practices, we have identified that we can restructure how we operate and begin to purchase a computer for each student rather than for a location. This can be done without having to increase monies toward technology. Over time each student in grades 7 thru 12 will have a school issued device that they can keep with them at all times. Much like we issue students a textbook to carry with them, we will now be issuing them a computer.

We will be implementing a one to one computer initiative starting spring 2015 and continuing into next school year. We will begin issuing devices to students in grade 9 and grades 7 and 8 in the coming weeks. You will receive more detailed information regarding specific distribution dates and times from your child's school. Information will also be posted on the district's website.

The utilization of technology as an instructional tool will help personalize and customize learning for each student. It will not however replace teachers or the need for students to work on interpersonal skills. It is just a tool to help each student achieve 21st Century skills such as creativity, innovation, critical thinking, and problem solving that are necessary for success.

I am looking forward to this opportunity for our district to better serve the needs of each student by individualizing their education and have them prepared to be contributing members of the global society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chad L. Cohrs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'C'.

Chad L. Cohrs
Superintendent