



## NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Joseph F. Baeta, Ed.D.**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

August 23, 2018

Dear 6th Grade Students and Families,

The Norton Public Schools will be providing HP Chromebooks to all incoming 6th grade students for use **in school and at home** during the 2018-2019 school year. The purpose of this 1:1 initiative is to put technology in the hands of our students to enhance their educational experience. Having access to technology during every class will open up learning opportunities to our students and teachers that weren't previously available. Students are familiar with using Chromebooks as they had similar devices in their classrooms last year at the Yelle. For this upcoming school year, all students in grades 6-11 will have a District provided Chromebook if they so choose.

The Norton Public Schools is leasing the Chromebooks for our students using School Choice funds. Therefore, these devices remain the property of the Norton Public Schools. We will distribute a Chromebook to each student during the first few weeks of school and will collect each Chromebook prior to summer vacation or when a student permanently leaves the District.

NPS is committed to equipping all parents/guardians with tools and information needed to ensure the safe use of the Chromebook at home. There are several responsibilities assumed by the parent/guardian that include:

- Attending a Chromebook Orientation Session
- Accepting Liability
- Monitoring Use at Home
- Supporting Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship Efforts

The Instructional Technology Department will hold several orientation sessions prior to distributing the devices. Information about Chromebook use, maintenance, and optional insurance will be presented during the sessions. Each incoming 6th grade student with a parent/guardian must attend ONE of the following sessions at NMS:

- August 28th, 7:00-7:30PM at Norton Middle School (after the ice cream social)
- September 13th, 5:30-6:00PM at Norton Middle School (prior to Meet the Teacher Night)

If a parent has attended a 1:1 meeting for an older child, they DO NOT need to attend one of the sessions but do need to sign the loan of technology agreement. Students and parents/guardians are required to sign the Chromebook Agreement Form prior to receiving a Chromebook. If families choose to NOT participate in the 1:1 initiative, students may bring their own device to school each day as long as a signed copy of the BYOD policy is on file with the school office.

We look forward to seeing you on either August 28th September 13th. Please contact Karen Winsper, Director of Instructional Technology with any questions (508)285-0100 x9 or [kwinsper@norton.k12.ma.us](mailto:kwinsper@norton.k12.ma.us)

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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