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Dear Conifer High School Families,

Thanks to the 5A mill levy override passing last November, Jeffco is able to move forward with a 1:1 learning device program throughout the entire district starting in the 2019-2020 school year. The goal of this program is to create an equitable and sustainable model for technology-enabled classrooms that prepare students to thrive in a digitally connected world.

Starting next year, each Jeffco student entering 5th and 9th grade will receive a district 1:1 learning device and a protective case. Each student will keep their device for the next four years to customize and enhance their learning at school and at home. This implementation process will continue for the next four years until all 5th-12th grade students in Jeffco have district 1:1 learning devices.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR CONIFER HIGH SCHOOL?
Next year our 9th grade students will receive a district 1:1 device. The roll out of these devices is happening in phases and our students will receive their devices in November. These 9th grade students will pay a $50/year “Personalized Technology Use Fee,” which covers the device and protective case, digital learning tools, internet filtering, bandwidth, and additional support.

The rest of our students will pay a $25 “Technology Use Fee.” This fee covers digital learning tools, teacher professional development to instruct with those tools, internet filtering, bandwidth, and additional support. Fees will be waived for free and reduced lunch students.

BENEFITS OF A DISTRICT 1:1 PROGRAM
There are numerous benefits to a district-wide program like the one Jeffco is implementing. These include:

- **Equity:** All schools provide equitable devices and programming for their students
- **Learning:** Develop the Jeffco Generation skills through technology-enhanced learning
- **Device Consistency:** Reduces time spent on device management and troubleshooting issues in the classroom; devices can be used at any school within the district
- **Connectivity:** All devices will automatically connect to the instructional (best level) wifi
- **Added Security:** A security filter will be installed on all devices for use at school and home
- **Testing:** Students will take state-mandated tests on their district-issued devices
- **Convenience:** Loaner devices will be available through the library during repairs

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?
The 1:1 project team is working on a public facing website that will include additional information, resource links, Frequently Asked Questions, and a form to submit your own questions. Visit the website here: https://jeffcopublicschools.org/technology/1_1. You can also view the district’s Code of Conduct and Board Policy JS: Student Use of District Computing Resources.

We are excited for the expanded learning experiences this program will offer and to empower students to thrive in a digitally connected world. Be on the lookout for additional information in our upcoming communications.

Sincerely,

Wesley Paxton
Principal