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To: PHS Community
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Re: Chromebooks

As you are aware, Paramus High School has committed itself to 21st Century education for all learners. A foundation of this commitment is rooted in our Chromebook and Google Suite connection which allows teaching and learning to take place ubiquitously throughout the year. Although Chromebooks as a device are very standard at this point, the maintenance and care for them is paramount. Over the years, we average over 900 recorded incidents that required repair or replacement that were caused by user error. As a result, the district has added the following to the Technology Agreement (*the full agreement can be found in the PHS Student Handbook and on the Website*) for all students:

Damage Agreement

Damage to district Chromebooks will result in a deductible being charged, regardless of cause and excepting known issues, by the student assigned to the Chromebook as follows:

- **A \$25 deductible** will be charged for damage per incident. A list of known issues, which are exempt from this fee, is available on the district technology website.
- Families may apply for discounts or waivers if they qualify for other financial aid, including the federal free and reduced lunch program.
- Lost chargers will be replaced at the cost of the charger or \$25, whichever is lower.
- Current information regarding Chromebook repairs and the deductible, including coverage and fees, can be found on the district technology website.
- If it is found that, upon investigation, the damage was the direct result of another student, the deductible can be assigned to the student having caused said damage, subject to the discretion of the investigating administrator.
- Repeat violations may, at the discretion of the investigating administrator or district, require payment of the full repair or replacement cost of the device.
- Students will not be charged for “borrowing” a device; however, both parents/guardians and building administration will be notified and the privilege of borrowing a device may be revoked for repeat offenses at the discretion of building administration.

Thank you very much in advance for your cooperation as we continue to provide the PHS community with progressive and innovative educational practices.