



School District No. 60

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Many parents have expressed concern that the school fees ruling in 2007 would jeopardize enhanced opportunities for our students. Although the media had reported the potential loss of many programs, School District No. 60 has always tried to minimize the cost while maximizing the opportunities for our students. As a result our programs are continually examined to determine how our district can maintain a high standard of expectations.

The Wireless Writing/laptop program has repeatedly seen an increased success in student achievement and therefore we are pleased to announce the program will remain in place.

All grade 6, 7 and junior high students will continue to have access to the computers at school. The current \$67.00 charge will remain in place for grade 6 and 7 students/parents wishing to have the benefit of personal home use.

The use of the laptop at home is a fantastic opportunity for your whole family. Having the laptop at home allows students to continue working on their school projects, digitally editing videos and photos, using the built-in 3-D graphing calculator for math homework, and creating their own music using Garage Band.

The laptop computer also has a parent computer account so other family members may use the computer for family email, word processing, digital editing and Internet research. We hope that you utilize the many opportunities that this program has for your family by deciding to allow the laptop to go home. Parents will still be asked to accept responsibility for loss or damage to this equipment, if they decide to take advantage of having student access to a district laptop after school hours.

Thank you for your support in providing increased benefits to our students. If there are any questions, please consult with your school's administration.

Yours in education,

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Principal of Technology

Doug Boyd
Secretary Treasurer

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