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Dear Parents:

The Farmington Learning Initiative (FLI) has been helping to lead us into the 21st century of education since 2008. We have been excited by the outstanding work that many students and teachers have accomplished with the laptops. While we have seen tremendous growth in students' engagement with learning and mastery of 21st century skills, we have also been disappointed by the number of computers that have been damaged, primarily through carelessness and a lack of proper laptop care by students.

Our district strives to offer the best education possible for 21st century learners. Proper care for laptops is essential if we want to offer the tools we feel will prepare students for success in a global economy. We need your help and support to do this. The majority of our students have taken excellent care of their laptops. We appreciate the high level of respect and responsibility they have shown. The damage that has occurred could have been avoided if students had been more careful in following the laptop care guidelines they have been taught. Broken screens and liquid spilled in laptops are very costly; there is little excuse for this type of damage. We urge families to stay aware of how student laptops are being used and treated. We ask you to remind your children of their responsibility to take especially good care of this expensive equipment.

In order to reduce the cost of laptop repairs, we have implemented a self-insuring system to defray the total cost incurred by the district and students in the event of damage by requiring a **FLI Laptop Fee of \$35**. We feel that a \$35 annual fee is a reasonable amount to pay for the use of a laptop and installed software valued at over \$900. This insurance policy still has a \$100 deductible, which is the maximum that families must pay each time a computer is subject to damage not covered by the warranty, or considered normal wear and tear. Except in the case of deliberate vandalism or evidence of a trend and habit of repeated damage, no bill will ever be more than \$100, regardless of the severity of the damage. This is a change from previous procedures and is fully outlined in our Student Laptop Agreement signed each year by your student and their parent/guardian.

If your child is not receiving meaningful assignments that involve the use of the laptop, please contact their teachers or school principal and ask why. If you have other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Farmington Schools Technology Department.

Thank you for your continued support of the Farmington Learning Initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Thacker". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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