Lakeland Regional High School

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MR.. HUGH E. BEATTIE Chief School Administrator

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Dear Lakeland Families and Friends,

Since the advent of Covid-19 and its continued surges, the mode of education has certainly shifted from what it was only two years ago. The unpredictability of school closures forced educators to adapt new methods, mostly technology-based, to keep instruction moving forward. Our Lakeland faculty adapted very quickly to a 1:1,student: Chromebook scenario during times when we needed to close our doors to in person instruction. In response to these sweeping changes in education, beginning the week of January 18th Lakeland will become a continuous 1:1 district whereby EACH student will be issued a personal Chromebook device for educational use.

Operating procedures and parameters must be put in place to protect the investment in district technology and the students and families themselves. Please note that each district-issued device has a website filter installed to protect students from inappropriate and unsanctioned websites. Another form of protection for your student's Chromebook is device insurance. Lakeland has partnered with School Device Coverage (SDC) to offer annual policy protection for devices at the low premium cost of \$25 per device annually, covering accidental damage or loss. The policy coverage period runs August – August and must be renewed each year for continued coverage. Families opting for device insurance can register on-line with SDC. Preliminary information about the policy and SDC company registration website will accompany this message. It is important to realize that a family will be held liable, and billed, for any damage to or loss of uninsured devices. Finally, parents will need to read, sign, and submit the Acceptable Use Policy for District Technology (short version) before a device can be issued to your child. The form can be submitted at the time of device pick-up. The short version of the Acceptable Use Policy is also attached to this message and the long version is available on the school website as a link under the Menu heading District Info. Devices will be distributed on different days by grade-level. Please see the schedule of distribution dates also being forwarded to your attention.

Any questions can be directed to Dr. Dave Niedosik at dniedosik@lakeland.k12.nj.us or at 973 835 1900 x130.

We look forward to partnering with parents/guardians on this endeavor and ask for your patience and cooperation with this technology rollout. Let's keep Lakeland moving forward!

Sincerely,

Hugh E. Beattie