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To: **ASD HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF**
From: **SUPERINTENDENT LARRY B. MITCHELL**
CC: **ASD PRINCIPALS**
Date: **MARCH 4, 2019**
Re: **APPLE/CANVAS 1:1 INITIATIVE**

The recent purchase of iPads and Apple TVs for classrooms was designed to allow you the needed time to grow your skills and smoothly transition with students to iPads and the Canvas Learning Management System. As you probably already know, financial concerns have created a review of the planned Apple/Canvas 1:1 rollout for students for the upcoming year.

The plan to bring Apple/iPads to our students this fall is still on the table and has not been ruled out. It may have to be adjusted, minimized or possibly postponed, but I assure you we are working hard to do the math. Planning and preparation will continue as we move forward.

The investment, training and addition of the Canvas Learning Management System will take place next year and it can and will be utilized by all staff involved in a variety of educational ways. A *Canvas Team* consisting of your school's teachers has been created and empowered by the District and your school principals to make decisions moving forward. They recently met and developed a plan of action that will be shared with you soon.

While we certainly do not wish to add to your workload during the spring testing season, it is vitally important that the short bi-weekly assignments be completed to the best of your ability. The *Canvas Teams* will be setting up times to assist you with assignments. You also have 24/7 support with our Canvas setup.

As with anything new there will be growing pains. We encourage you to support the Alcorn School District's commitment to technology and students. We also ask you to support your school's *Canvas Team* and principals by providing positive feedback and doing the work that will enable us to grow with our students in the Alcorn School District.


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