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**Kent County Public Schools**

 ***Growing a Community of Leaders***

August 29, 2016

Dear 8th Grade Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to be able to provide laptops for all students in grades 8-12 to fulfill an integral part of our mission to personalize learning for students. In order to help KCPS protect your child’s laptop, allow them to keep it throughout summer to complete any additional assignments, and to insure that it lasts until they graduate, we are requiring that parents select one of the following options:

1. $40 annual technology fee paid to KCPS by September 30, 2016
2. $80 annual group insurance policy through Worth Ave paid by September 30, 2016
3. proof of coverage from a homeowners or renter’s insurance policy

Comparison of Technology Fee Option and Group Insurance Policy

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|  | Technology Fee (option 1) | Group Insurance (option 2) |
| Cost | $40 annually | $80 annually |
| Accidental Damage | Yes (covers only one event annually) | Yes (covers more than one event annually) |
| Theft coverage | No | Yes |
| Charger | One-time replacement | No |
| Hardware Defects | Yes | Yes |
| Summer coverage | Yes | Yes |
| Payment Plans | Yes | No |
| Laptop Bag & Plastic Cover | Yes | Yes |

KCMS will begin collecting either the technology fee (option 1) or group insurance premium (option 2), or proof of homeowner’s coverage (option 3), the second day of school for 8th graders on August 31st through September 30, 2016. Checks should be made payable to Kent County Public Schools. Contact the Board of Education Technology Department at 410-778-7111 to arrange a monthly payment plan if necessary (only available for option 1).

Please select one of the options below and turn this letter into the technology staff, with or without payment, during homeroom in the gym on the second day of school for 8th graders (Wed, Aug. 31st).

Printed Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Option 1 ($40 Technology Fee)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Option 2 ($80 Worth Ave. Group Insurance)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Option 3 (Homeowner or Renter Insurance)