



June 1, 2017

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

With summer well in view, we send this letter to notify you of a change of practice regarding iPads that will ultimately serve your child better come September.

Since starting our *One to One iPad initiative* in 2013, there has not been an opportunity to collect the devices to update, refresh or provide routine maintenance.

To make it possible for Avon Maitland's IT Department to get this done, Senior Staff have made the decision to collect student iPads for the summer (*with some exceptions*\*).

### **Why?**

Many students this year are confirming that the performance of their iPad is lagging. These findings were made through a Board-wide student survey conducted by Avon Maitland's Student Senators.

As iPads get older, they start to slow down. Apps tend to underperform and can become sluggish. Over time, documents, pictures and applications too can become disorganized and fragmented. All of this together can result in slow processing times and delayed access to resources causing a negative impact on productivity and make it frustrating for your child.

Maintenance will improve battery performance, enhance response time and provide a better learning experience overall for them.

### **Things to note:**

- Your child's same iPad will be waiting for them in September.
- Students who are attending summer school will keep their iPad until they complete summer school.
- Students with SEA devices may request summer use from the Superintendent of Learning Services.

iPads will be stored in a safe place at your school. Over the summer IT staff will fix (if needed), update and clean them up.

Your school will provide details as to the timing of this collection. Although you originally signed an acknowledgment assuming responsibility for damages to your child's current iPad, the repairs for summer 2017 will be covered centrally as a one time only gesture, with the exception of devices with what appears to be deliberate damage. In September, you will receive a new streamlined Guideline with specific parameters around *One to One iPads* going forward.

We wish you and your family well this summer and appreciate your understanding in this new protocol aimed at benefitting your child next year.

From,

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