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Dear Families,

Wrightstown Schools have recently been exploring alternatives to put more supportive learning technology into students' and teachers' hands. We currently have a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) system in place in grades 5-12 that allows students to register their own laptops, tablets, and phone devices on the school network. We are excited to announce an opportunity for students to expand their access to our BYOD program through a District partnership with Computer Discount Warehouse (CDW-G). We have partnered with them to offer families the opportunity to purchase Chromebooks for their school and home use.

A Chromebook is very similar to a laptop with few internal moving parts. It is cloud-based and runs the Google Chrome Operating System (OS) which has significant educational resources. Many teachers in the district are already using Google Classroom and students are being asked, with greater frequency, to access and use Google resources to communicate and collaborate on projects and assignments. WCSD is moving to Google Education IT solutions and all students already have a Google documents account.

CDW-G will now offer the HP education Chromebook model to Wrightstown families direct from their site using a WCSD portal. The Chromebook arrives to you optimized to run on the School networks. A major benefit to families purchasing the Chromebook is that it is also fully functional at home on a wifi connection and anyone with a Google account can use the Chromebook. While the investment is not insignificant, it is realistic to expect a Chromebook to last 5 or more years with minimal maintenance required.

We hope you will consider how a Chromebook could enhance your child's educational experience. While we hope that many will take advantage of this opportunity, it certainly is not a requirement. This is rather an alternative way to increase technology use in teaching and learning. To assist with questions you may have, there are resources available on the high school and middle school websites.

Sincerely,

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