

## SMETHPORT AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Smethport Area School District is excited to launch our personal Chromebook/Tablet initiative (1:1 Initiative) beginning September 2020. Every student in grades Kindergarten to Second will be issued his/her own Samsung Galaxy Tablet while Third Grade to Sixth Grade students will be issued a Chromebook. These devices are to be used for school-related tasks. Our goals in regards to the 1:1 Initiative are as follows:

- Enhance learning for all students.
- Provide equal access to technology for the purpose of individualized instruction.
- Strengthen 21<sup>st</sup> century college and career readiness for Smethport students.
- Prepare our students with the vital 21<sup>st</sup> century skills of problem-solving, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creative processes through the use of technology to amplify learning.

Our students are familiar with the Chromebooks/Tablets as we have used these devices in classrooms for the past few years. The device issued to your child will be similar to other school-issued supplies such as textbooks. Students may take their Chromebook/Tablet to/from home just like other supplies. In order for students to participate in this program, **Parents/Guardians should attend a 45-minute meeting** prior to the issuance of the personal device to your child. We

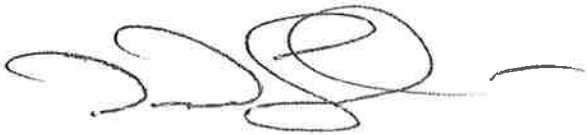
realize attending a meeting will be inconvenient for some, but it is crucial in order to make sure that students and parents are prepared for this initiative.

The District has partnered with Securranty, a business which offers device insurance policies. Our High School has been pleased with their partnership to provide an insurance option for families. Purchasing insurance is recommended, though not required. To register, go to [www.securranty.com/smethport](http://www.securranty.com/smethport) Click on the drop down menu and choose your device. Then simply click buy now to pay. More information is attached on the **Frequently Asked Questions** page as well as the Securranty flyer.

Also attached is the Chromebook/Tablet Loan Agreement and Student/Parent Agreement. Please review this agreement. A signed agreement is required prior to the issuing of the device.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to beginning this 1:1 Initiative with you and your family.

Sincerely,

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Mr. David London, Superintendent of Schools

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristin Zona', with a large circular flourish at the end.

Ms. Kristin Zona, Elementary Principal