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Parents and Students of Boiling Springs High School,

I am very excited to announce the kickoff of our 1:1 initiative here at Boiling Springs High School beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. There has been much preparation taking place over the past few years preparing the district to make this transition. From teachers using a blended learning model, to our BYOT program, every effort has been made to give our students the technological background that they will need as they leave our district and continue with their education and/or enter the workforce.

Our teaching staff is continuing in their technology training to prepare for the numerous ways that the laptops can be utilized to enhance our students' learning experience. Our technology department has prepared an intensive three day training to get teachers prepared for the beginning of the year. A group of teachers has been leading the way with technology over the past few years. We will be utilizing their expertise to assist their colleagues as they continue to develop in the future.

Some have expressed concern that expectations will be for a full and complete blended learning model beginning next school year. The administrative team understands that there will be a learning curve with both faculty and students. Our expectations will be that teachers begin to use the positives of technology to enhance the standards that are being taught in their classrooms. Some teachers have a strong technology background. Others have a limited background, and that is okay. Technology will never replace the importance of a classroom teacher, but it can and will enhance the learning. We will work with both faculty and students to grow, and will provide a stronger educational experience here at Boiling Springs.

Since taking over as principal of this great school, I have witnessed the abilities of our teaching staff. The students are receiving an outstanding education. As time moves on, we must adjust as educators in order to give our students an opportunity to compete in an ever changing world. The 1:1 program is a giant step forward in our quest to accomplish this task.

As we approach the beginning of the new school year there will be announcements and informational meetings about the laptop distribution and expectations for our students. If you have any further questions about the 1:1, I encourage you to contact the high school office. I look forward to working with everyone as we move forward. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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