

Tyrone Middle School

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Dear Families,

The teachers and leaders in The Center for Innovation and Digital Learning continue to be honored that you have selected our program; we are truly excited about the opportunity to teach your student! As we prepare for an exciting school year, we'd like to take this opportunity share an important update.

As a young magnet program, embarking on our 2nd year of implementation, we are continually learning and refining processes to ensure success for all students. Last school year, despite our best efforts and planning, upwards of 50% of our students experienced a situation that resulted in a cracked or broken device. Although we offered an optional insurance policy for families to participate in, virtually none of the students who broke or cracked devices opted into the school's insurance policy. This left the program unable to provide replacements for all students in a timely manner, thereby leaving students without a device for an indefinite period of time.

When devices are cracked and/or broken, students are at a disadvantage because they do not have a critical learning tool. To ensure all students have access to a properly functioning device, all magnet families are expected to participate in the school-based insurance policy. In purchasing the insurance policy, your student will be given a "loaner" device to utilize while their device is being repaired or replaced and will eliminate your student being excluded from our digital learning environment because they do not have a device at all times.

Device pick up days will be held at Tyrone Middle School on the following dates and times: August 8, 2016 from 10:00am-2:00pm or August 9, 2016 from 2:00pm-6:00pm. Your family may choose to pick up your student's devices at either time that is most convenient. ***We respectfully ask that you be prepared to pay the \$50 insurance premium at the time the device is picked up in the form of cash, check, or money order.*** We will not be able to provide your child with a take home device until the \$50 insurance fee has been provided. Please direct any questions or concerns to Nicole Johnson (johnsonni@pcsb.org). I appreciate your willingness to partner with us in ensuring 100% student success at Tyrone Middle School.

Your partner in education,

Nicole Johnson
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