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Dear Grade 7 & 8 Students, Families and Teachers,

The purpose of this letter is to update all of you on the long awaited and much anticipated netbook distribution for students in grades 7 and 8. We are close to being able to begin the actual process of dispensing netbooks to each student. We have finalized some very important policies and procedures to ensure this netbook roll-out is conducted appropriately. The Northwood School Board has very generously supported the expenditure of thousands of dollars for us to be able to empower students to learn and grow technologically in this data-driven world. The 7/8 Netbook Project has been over a year in the making and will allow our students to explore endless learning opportunities through the use of this technology and we all can look forward to that.

At this time we would like to invite all grade 7/8 students and families to a **Parent/Student Netbook Information Night on Monday, November 3, 2014, from 5:15pm - 6:15pm**. The Technology Director, the Assistant Superintendent and myself will be present and available to answer questions as we present the information we have regarding distribution and use of the netbooks outside of school. We will provide for families the policies and guidelines for use, as well as important information on insurance and the process for the actual distribution of the netbooks. **This information session would be required of all families, prior to the student being eligible to take a netbook home for the first time on November 10, 2014.** Please make every effort to attend this session on November 3rd.

The Netbook distribution will take place throughout the day on November 10, 2014, our Parent /Teacher Conference Day, in our school library. We are hoping the convenience of having the netbook pick-up be the same day as the academic conferences will allow parent/guardians to accomplish both tasks during the same visit. If you have not yet signed up for a conference time to meet with teachers, please call the main office to do so as there are still appointments available.

Our intention is that we do all that we can to ensure the success of the 7/8 Netbook Take Home Program and the financial protection for the district and the families of students using the netbooks. Being thoughtful and thorough in the implementation of this program is important. There are not many districts in this state that are doing this and we want it to be successful. We appreciate your patience through this thoughtful and deliberate process.

Respectfully yours,

Wendy P. Despres

The mission of Northwood School is to inspire students to be lifelong learners. As a community we are committed to providing a safe, challenging environment that encourages all students to aspire to excellence.