



WEST PLATTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Preserving the Past, Building the Future"

Round II of Student Devices Slated for February

December 10, 2013

Dear West Platte Parents/Guardians:

West Platte is very excited to announce that it is time for our second rollout of student devices. This year, West Platte has forty five teachers participating with the Enhancing Missouri's Instructional Networked Teaching Strategies (eMINTS) program. The eMINTS program is a research based teacher professional development program that uses interactive group sessions and in-classroom coaching/mentoring to help teachers integrate technology into student learning activities.

What does this mean for your student(s)?

Once teachers complete the first semester of training, tablets are approved and required for students. Last year, in Phase I, the District delivered 175 student tablets. This year, the District will provide tablets to all remaining students. In early February, 2014, all students will receive personal devices.

Pre-K through second grade students will receive Asus Infinity Tablets and students in third through twelfth grade will receive Dell Venue 11 tablet. Information on both tablets is available at wpsd.net/tablets.

Mandatory Parent Information and Orientation Meeting

A parent of each child is required to attend one of the following three Parent Information and Orientation Sessions, which will be held in the High School Performing Arts Center:

- **Tuesday, January 7th, 6:00-7:30 pm**
- **Thursday, January 9th, 6:00-7:30 pm**
- **Saturday, January 11th, 9:00-10:30 am**

Parents and students will be required to review and sign the Device Usage Agreement at the meeting. The agreement may be reviewed on our website prior to the session at wpsd.net/tablets. Our Administrative Team will review the handbooks and expectations at the meeting. These devices will become an integral part of your student's learning experience, making it imperative for you to attend a session. If you are unable to attend one of the planned sessions, please contact your child's principal.

Usage Fee and Optional Insurance

A device usage fee of \$30 per student or a maximum of \$60 per family is due to the principal's office by January 24, 2014. If there is a financial hardship, please contact your school principal directly. An additional insurance policy may also be secured for the devices through Worth Avenue Group. Information on that option may be accessed at wpsd.net/tablets. A device usage fee invoice has been included with this memo. Payment should be returned no later than January 24, 2014

We appreciate you placing this very important meeting on your calendar, and we look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,
West Platte School District