

February 7, 2014

Dear Parents:

I am writing to inform you that our school district is considering implementing a digital conversion initiative beginning next school year. The initiative, also referred to as a 1:1 program, would give our students access to a laptop computer at school and at home. Additionally, the program would incrementally phase out traditional textbooks and replace them with digital textbooks that could be accessed from the student's laptop.

This initiative has been discussed within the district for the past several years. Through our strategic planning goals that were developed this past summer, the district identified technology implementation as a priority and we are looking to possibly move forward with this program.

I anticipate that a decision regarding this program will be made on February 27, 2014 at 8:00 PM at the regular meeting of the Nashville C.C.S.D. #49 Board of Education. Prior to that meeting, we would like to schedule several informational meetings to fully discuss the program, explain how it would be implemented, and to answer questions. These two meetings will cover the same information, so it is only necessary to attend one meeting. The scheduled meeting dates are as follows:

Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 PM in the Primary School Cafeteria (Re-scheduled Date)
Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 PM in the Primary School Cafeteria

We have also posted information on the main page of our website at www.nashville49.org. To access this information, click on the link entitled "Digital Conversion Documents."

I hope that you can attend one of the scheduled meetings. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school (618-327-3055) or by email (mbrink@nashville49.org).

Sincerely,

Michael Brink
Superintendent