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### Terry Fox's 1:1 Technology Program

Dear Parents of incoming Grade 9 students:

Technology plays an important role in our world. At Terry Fox Secondary our goal is to teach our students how to utilize technology effectively to develop their digital citizenship skills. With this goal, TFS is implementing a progression towards a 1:1 Technology Program, beginning in September 2019-2020. Students entering grade 9 in September 2019 are encouraged to bring their own device to school. If students have extenuating circumstances that prevent them from acquiring a device, please contact their vice-principal.

The intent of our 1:1 Technology Program is to structure the learning environment so that students can work towards TFS' technology goals. They will be using their device responsibly for educational purposes and at the discretion of the classroom teacher.

As part of their grade 9 course schedule, students will take **Digital Learning 10**, which counts as grade 10 credit. One of the goals of this course is to provide students with the opportunities to develop their digital citizenship. Along with DL 10, technology will be frequently used in their **English 9** and **Science 9** classes and encouraged in other courses.

The implementation of the 1:1 Technology Initiative will enhance learning in the following ways.

- Greater engagement with class content.
- Personalization of student devices to meet their learning needs.
- Collaboration with other students at school or at home.

After consulting with school district personnel and examining programs currently in existence, we are recommending students bring laptops with word processing capabilities and internet access. Tablets, smartphones, Google Chromebooks and gaming laptops are **NOT** recommended (please reference the TFS 1:1 Technology document for more information).

Thank you,

The Terry Fox Digital Team