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Dear ICS Parents and Students,

As the staff and the school, we want to support students in multiple ways, to equal the playing field, and to find ways to provide access to adaptable, cutting edge technology to our entire kindergarten through twelfth grade student body.

As mentioned in our ICS vision statement: “Technology's most important function within the school is to enhance student learning. The learning community is technologically literate and uses this resource responsibly and respectfully. Technology is not a substitute for personal interaction, learning content or developing critical thinking skills.”

This year, there are changes in our technology approaches as influenced by the state's shift in their involvement with the MLTI program and with an upcoming shift to local fiscal responsibility for supporting all of the elements of our wireless system.

Our technology fees in the past have been used to cover fixes that fall outside of the warrantee. Moving forward, we are approaching the use of the technology fees to also address costs associated with individual needs such as on the spot repairs/replacement parts, ongoing software upgrades and licenses.

Attached is a copy of the revised laptop take-home procedures for students in grades 6 – 12. The policy has been revised to reflect the need to insure all laptops while at the same time giving every student in grade 6– 12 the opportunity to take their laptop home. This is, in great part, due to the excellent and inexpensive accidental damage coverage offered by HP on the student laptops.

This fee will cover accidental damage insurance for the HP Probook 11ee X360 convertible laptop. There is no deductible charge for repairs due to accidental damage. The details of the accidental insurance coverage are listed in the take-home procedures document. We will produce an invoice listing the estimated cost of repair for items or accidents not covered under the warrantee.

Right now, the pro-rated amount for the 6th – 12th grade level, the fee will be \$30.00 per student. For the K-5 level, the fee is \$8.00 per student. We are looking to have all fees collected by December 1st.

Next year, this amount for the 6th -12th grade level will be \$40 per student for the year. For the K-5, level, the fee will be \$10.00. We will be looking to have all fees collected by the end of September.

Please make out checks to: Islesboro Central School and write in the memo section: Technology Fee

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Vicki Conover or Ms. Knight. We would be more than happy to help you.

Sincerely,
Ms. Vicki Conover
Technology Director

Ms. Heather Knight
Principal