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Shipment of 6,400 Chromebook laptop computers initiates exceptional educational opportunity for New Brunswick Public Schools students

District rapidly approaching 1:1, student-to-laptop ratio

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ (February 22, 2016) – It's a technological milestone for the students of New Brunswick Public Schools, and one that will have a positive impact on their educational experiences.

Effective immediately, each of the school district's young people in grades 3 through 12 will have access to a laptop computer, to be utilized across the entire curriculum. In total, the district has received 6,400 14-inch, HP Chromebook G4 units. The laptops will be utilized for core subjects, and represent a shift toward utilization of Google Apps for Education to promote instruction and learning. Existing computers will be redistributed to all K-2 classrooms.

"What we've now done as a school district is move extremely close to having a laptop computer for every single student," explains Superintendent of Schools Aubrey Johnson. "We're investing in technology to provide our students and teachers opportunities to enhance 21st-century skills that require critical and creative thinking, collaboration, communication, and innovation. In 2016, the world at-large learns and processes information with remarkable speed, using laptops and similar devices. Now, New Brunswick's students have access to this technology, and they'll be better educated because of it."

Johnson notes that from this point on, as the district's curriculum is regularly updated and revised, all changes will incorporate the ready availability of laptops. And as informational and computing technology continues to evolve, the district will periodically upgrade its laptops to keep pace.

"The economic reality is that some of our students aren't able to afford laptop computers on their own," Johnson adds. "This initiative eliminates that potential barrier, creating a more level playing field in terms of access to both information and technology."

About New Brunswick Public Schools

The New Brunswick, NJ public school district consists of two high schools (New Brunswick High School and Health Sciences Technology High School), a middle school (New Brunswick Middle School) and eight elementary schools (Lincoln, Livingston, Lord Stirling, McKinley, Redshaw, Roosevelt, Paul Robeson, and Woodrow Wilson schools). The New Brunswick Public Schools offer a comprehensive educational program for students in grades pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade and serve more than 10,000 students.

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