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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools has chosen Jay M. Robinson Middle School to pilot the Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Initiative. We are thrilled to announce that students will now be encouraged to bring their own technology devices to school. The staff at Robinson is dedicated to making the shift to the digital classroom in order to continue the high growth and achievement for all students that has already been occurring at our school.

This document is a contract which Jay M. Robinson Middle School students and staff must adhere to as we pilot this program within our school. Please remember that students who are not able to bring devices will be able to access and utilize Jay M. Robinson’s available technology.

For the purposes of BYOT, “Technology” means privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable internet devices, hand held entertainment systems or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc. Approved devices include smart phones, iPads, iPods, laptops, netbooks, tablet computers, and eReaders.

Beginning November 26, 2012, students at Jay M. Robinson Middle School may begin bringing their own technology tools to school. Users will be prompted to accept the terms of use prior to each attempt at connecting to the guest network. Students, staff, or parents who do not accept the terms of service will not be able to access the guest network. Once on the guest network, all users will have filtered internet access just as they would on a district owned device. All teacher users will be filtered at the student level when using personal technology devices. Students are only allowed to access the guest network.

Responsibility to keep privately owned devices secure rests with the individual owner. Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, nor its staff or employees, are not liable for any devices stolen or damaged on campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office in the same manner as other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology devices are encouraged.

Please read and review the BYOT Student Agreement located on the back of this letter with your child. Then sign and return the document to their homeroom teacher. A copy of this letter, along with a Frequently Asked Questions document will be available on the school website. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Fredericka Green at 980-343-6944 or Fred. Green@cms.k12.nc.us.
Jay M. Robinson BYOT Student Agreement

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. A student does not have the right to use his or her laptop, cell phone or other electronic device while at school. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOT must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as Board policies, particularly the Internet Acceptable Use Policy. Furthermore, the student must agree to the following conditions:

- The student takes full responsibility for his or her technology device. The school is not responsible for the security of the device.
- The device must be off while on school campuses unless otherwise directed by the teacher.
- The device may not be used by parents/guardians to communicate with students while at school.
- The device may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests or for non-instructional purposes during instructional time.
- The device may not be used to record, transmit or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours unless assigned by the teacher.
- The device may only be used to access files or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Non-instructional games are not permitted.
- Students must comply with teachers’ requests to turn off the device.
- The student acknowledges that the school’s network filters will be applied to one’s connection to the internet and will not attempt to bypass them.
- The student acknowledges and agrees that a teacher or administrator may collect and examine any device at any time for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this agreement, investigating student discipline issues, or for any other school-related purpose.
- The student acknowledges and agrees that personal technology must be charged prior to bringing it to school and the device must run off of its own battery while at school.
- The student acknowledges and agrees that the student will follow all other school behavior rules.

You must sign and return this form before being permitted to use your own technology at Jay M. Robinson Middle School.

I understand and will abide by all the acceptable use guidelines for technology. I further understand that any violation is unethical and will result in the loss of my network and/or use of personal and district device privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Printed Student Name: ______________________________________  Student ID#:________________

Student Signature: ___________________________________________  Date: _____________________

Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________________  Date: ___________________