

BLUE MOUNTAIN SUPERVISORY UNION

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Dear Parent:

Blue Mountain Union School has begun a "1:1 computing" program. These programs are considered to be an educational "best practice" and are becoming popular across the country. In our version of the program, high school students, beginning in their freshman year receive a laptop computer. Though the computer will remain the property of the school, students will have the laptop assigned to them for use, both at home and school, throughout the school year (returning it to the school during summer vacation for maintenance). The same laptop will again be assigned to the student ***each year*** until graduation.

The objectives of this program include the following:

- The promotion of student engagement and enthusiasm for learning
- Increases in student computer literacy
- Abatement of 'Digital Divide' (i.e. providing access to technology outside of school to those students presently without - a known issue in our district)
- Preparation for the 21st century workplace
- Improvements in student writing

You are receiving this letter because your son or daughter is in a class year that participates in the program. This program is optional, but we highly encourage you to take advantage of it. There is an annual, non-refundable user-fee of \$25 per student.

If you have any questions please call or email John Munson, BMU Technology Coordinator, at: 802-757-2711 x1141 or john.munson@bmuschool.org.

Regards,

BMU Technology Committee

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