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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

In the 2015-16 school year, Woodstock District 200 implemented an exciting new 1:1 technology initiative that provided all students at Mary Endres and Olson Elementary Schools with their own device. I am very proud to announce that this outstanding program will expand in the 2016-17 school year to include all students in grades one through six.

This initiative will create a one to one [1:1] learning environment for the students and they will begin to access their learning materials in a digital format, using their computing device. For literacy instruction in grades 1-5, the students will use the *ReadyGEN* reading program by Pearson. In 6th grade, the students will use the program *Collections* by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. In addition, we will implement a new digital math curriculum during the 2016-17 school year at Olson and Mary Endres elementary schools, with plans to expand it to the remaining elementary schools in 2017-18.

The purpose of this technology focus is to allow our students to learn in ways that were not previously possible. Students will focus their efforts on acquiring the “4 C’s” of 21st century learning:

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Critical Thinking
- Creativity

Teachers will use the *ReadyGEN* curriculum, the *Canvas* Learning Management system, the newly acquired electronic devices, the 4 C’s, and the Illinois Learning Standards to challenge our students and to help them reach beyond their individual potential. Eventually, students in grades two through six will be able to take their devices home to work on projects, etc. It is our expectation that the students take responsibility for their device and that they understand that they are using district property.

This is a very exciting time for District 200! We are looking forward to working together and determining the best ways to meet the learning needs of our students and teachers, and we are committed to the success of both groups.

Thank you for your support of Woodstock School District 200. Please look for additional information about this initiative throughout the year.

Kind regards,

Dr. Mike Moan
Superintendent