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Dear Parent (s)/Guardian (s),

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. Therefore, we have decided and are excited to implement a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program here at Longleaf Elementary. In this initiative, students are encouraged to bring their own technology devices to school to assist their learning experiences. This document is an agreement to which we will adhere as we establish this new program within our school.

Definition of “Device”

For purposes of BYOD, “Device” means privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand-held equipment. The device should be portable and used for word processing, reading, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, and sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing. This includes, iPads, Nooks, Kindles, tablet, iPods and Smartphones.

Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with each student. Pasco County Schools will not be held liable for any device stolen or damaged while on our campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches be used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

BYOD Student Agreement

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

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

- The student takes full responsibility for his or her technology device. The district is not responsible for the security of student-owned technology.
- The device must be in silent mode and in their backpack while on school campus unless otherwise directed by the teacher.
- The student accesses only files on the device or Internet sites, which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
- The students complies with teachers’ request to shutdown the device or close the screen.
- The student will follow all school rules and laws when using electronic devices at school

I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation may result in the loss of my network and/or device privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

- Student Signature: _____
- Date: _____
- Parent Signature: _____
- Date: _____
- Device _____
- Serial Number _____
- Teacher Use Only:
- Received on (date) _____
- Teacher Signature _____