



April 17, 2017

## Superintendent's Message: "Laptop Retention"

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our Instructional Technology (IT) Department continues to innovate and find new ways to service the students and staff of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District. In an effort to truly make district laptops available throughout the entire year, our IT team has developed a way to update all district issued laptops remotely, removing the need to collect machines at the end of the school year (excluding graduating seniors). No more lines for collection. No more summers without a laptop. No more lines for distribution.

There are significant benefits for all involved with the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Community, including:

- End of year instruction will not be interrupted due to collection
- Students involved in summer curricular work will be able to utilize the technology for their studies
- Laptops will be available for those preparing college applications
- Students involved in curricular and extracurricular programs over the summer will continue with their same tools
- Only incoming freshmen will need to pick up their laptop in August

The update, will take place in each student's English class. The update will include the installation of a new operating system, improved security features, mechanisms to increase off-campus web browsing speed, and various curricular software and application improvements.

We look forward to the completion of this project and continuing to find ways in which we can maximize the use of the technology that is available to our students!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Erik Gundersen".

P. Erik Gundersen

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