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Bobcat Nation,

As many of you are aware, our district contracts with Apple™ for much of our technology needs. Apple™ representatives contacted our district with an incredible opportunity to acquire more robust equipment for our students and staff. Additionally, an outside agency was able to provide a buy-back option on our current equipment that allowed for a significant cost-saving opportunity for our district. The timing of both opportunities allows for CISD to upgrade to new devices with more storage capacity, longer battery life, extended Apple Care™ while also providing our students and staff more powerful and versatile ways to work, create, and learn.

We are very excited about this opportunity to provide more current technology at a cost-savings to the district. Because of the timing of this offer CISD was not able to approve the order until the end of June, which delays the arrival of these new devices until late September. Our technology staff will expedite these resources upon delivery, and secondary students will be assigned their new devices for one-to-one use. To assist our families this year, CISD will not be collecting a fee for district-provided technology.

We all appreciated how crucial these devices were for our students and staff last year, and are excited that our new devices will have the capacity to run many of the more advanced applications. As we prepare for the start of school without 1:1 devices, each campus has technology available including computer labs and Chromebook™ carts.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition to new devices.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lori Sitzes".

Lori Sitzes
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