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### **Increased Access & Opportunity Update: Moving Into Phase III**

We continue to see amazing results from Phase I and Phase II of the Increased Opportunity and Access through Technology Initiative in Grades 5 through 12. As a result of students having more access and opportunity through individual devices, students, families, and staff report better access to resources and personalized instruction, increased collaboration with others, better communication with each other, and efficiencies created with completing job-related tasks. Parents also report their appreciation for their child not having to carry around so many heavy textbooks, access to a high quality device, and better preparedness regardless of the journey their child chooses (i.e. post secondary, military, career, etc.).

As promised and communicated, Phase III of the Increased Opportunity and Access through Technology Initiative will begin next school year. Phase III involves putting a technology learning device (i.e. iPad) in the hands of more students in the District, thus expanding services and opportunities for more of our children. More specifically, Sauk Rapids-Rice students from Early Childhood through Grade 2 will access iPads for instructional purposes through a classroom set (i.e. tentatively 10-12 per class) while students in Grades 3 and 4 will each be able to access a device, which may or may not be brought home. While more information will be provided in the upcoming months, we want to continue to communicate with and learn from you, ways we can best support you and our children.

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