



# Windfern High School

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Dear Parent and Student:

This year we are again pleased to implement the High School Laptop Project (HSLP). Our records indicate your child will be taking United States History this year. The HSLP, included in the Bond 2007 referendum, will allow every student enrolled in U.S. History this year to use a laptop computer at school and, for a modest insurance fee, the laptop can be taken home for use outside of the regular school day.

The HSLP is intended to provide high school students with an instructional technology experience that will prepare them for the next phase of their lives, either in college or the workforce. This project will allow students to develop and refine skills and competencies necessary for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. While enrolled in this innovative course, students will use laptops and other digital resources to participate in a very technology intensive and engaging academic experience. The laptop will also be used in other courses as well during this school year.

As mentioned above, the laptop may be taken home and used for other instructional and skill development purposes. This "at home, 24 x 7" benefit is truly transformational and provides the student with their own dedicated technology resource. Affordable insurance coverage with a \$25 fee is required to insure the laptop against most risks and has a \$50 deductible.

Please review the "Laptop Use Agreement," which has been enclosed for your convenience. Students will receive additional information about distribution of the laptops and the specific schedule of use from their U.S. History teachers soon after the start of school.

We are excited about students using technology in this powerful and personal way and look forward to the successful implementation of the HSLP.

Sincerely,

*Martha Strother*

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Principal

Enclosures