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To the Parents/Guardians of students at Alki:

Over the last school year, students and teachers have embraced the use of iPads and laptops to support student learning. We are seeing some amazing work by students that would not be possible were it not for their access to mobile devices and digital resources. As we continue to evaluate and improve our weLearn 1:1 program, we want to identify challenges and find solutions when possible.

One such challenge is a significant number of students who choose to tamper with the security and software settings on their devices in order to get around various restrictions. This is happening despite clear guidance in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), digital citizenship lessons and staff reinforcement of appropriate and acceptable uses of technology with students.

This student misbehavior directly impacts student learning. Students who tamper with their devices are often unable to do assigned classwork both in the classroom and at home. When a number of students do not have functional devices in the classroom, the teacher must change assignments, lessons and activities which impacts other students. In addition, the troubleshooting and repair of devices that have been intentionally tampered with are placing an increasing burden on staff who would otherwise be supporting the appropriate use of devices in the classroom.

Our weLearn 1:1 Advisory Team discussed this challenge recently and made recommendations that will be put in place over the next several months. One of the recommendations is to impose a \$5.00 repair fee when an iPad or laptop needs to be reconfigured by staff to restore network, security, or restriction settings that have been tampered with. Starting May 15, 2014 we will impose this fee when we see evidence of intentional student tampering with iPad or laptop settings. We understand that settings can be modified by accident, and minor issues will not incur this fee. Nevertheless, there are several well-documented intentional "hacks" that have become common among some students. In these situations, at the discretion of building staff, students will be fined \$5.00. This fine may be imposed in addition to any progressive discipline by the building administration.

Prior to May 15, students who turn in devices that need settings restored will not be assessed the fine. After this date, students found to have violated the AUP by intentional tampering will be assessed the \$5.00 repair fee and a letter will be sent home informing the parent/guardian of the nature of the infraction.

Again, the vast majority of students are responsibly using their iPads and laptops as learning devices. Please reinforce with your student the ways in which his or her iPad/laptop is important to learning and that misuse or tampering with the settings on the device is unacceptable. Your assistance is appreciated.

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