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Superintendent

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Dear Region 16 Parents, Staff, and Community Members,

We are embarking on an initiative that will change the delivery of instruction in our high school classrooms with a 1:1 device initiative. We anticipate deploying a Chromebook the last week of February to each 9th and 10th grade student. This will be part of a three-year plan to “put into the hands” of all our students in grades 6th-12th a device to support teaching and learning at the secondary level. There will be more information over the next few months as well as a link on the Region 16 website under Curriculum minutes from the October 17, 2016 meeting that further expands the recommendations and discussion.

[\(http://www.region16ct.org/\)](http://www.region16ct.org/)

There is also reference to a new committee being formed as well as a survey that will be distributed to begin exploring changes to the Long River Middle School schedule for the 2017-18 school year. This will involve possible new course development, equity with academic offerings, and opportunities for personalized learning. We encourage all members of the Region 16 school community to participate in the survey. We are also seeking to create a committee that has representation from staff members, parents, and community members. The committee is for those who want to have direct involvement in making research based decisions and incorporating the community wants into a revision to the middle school schedule in effort to better meet the needs of our students and create alignment to 21st century learning.

Thank you for your support and anticipated vested interest in these new initiatives and changes that elevate the teaching and learning in Region 16.

Respectfully,

[Michael P. Yamin](#)

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