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PRINCIPAL OF WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Westside High School is excited to announce that our school will kick off the One to One Technology initiative, PowerUp, on the week of October 18th. PowerUp is using our education sales tax dollars to ensure that every student in our school system receives technology to support homework and supplement classroom instruction. Westside High School students will receive a Windows Laptop that can be taken home daily to enhance what they are learning in the classroom and advance their technology skills.

On October 18th, Westside High School will host a Parent Orientation for you to learn more about the PowerUp initiative and to cover information in the PowerUp Handbook. Additional information about the orientation will be shared with Westside High School families over the coming weeks. Device distribution for our school is scheduled to begin the week of October 18th. This timeline is tentative and may change based on availability of devices.

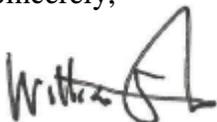
More information about PowerUp, the PowerUp Handbook, and a course for parents are available on the Parents Tab of the Richmond County School System website at www.rcboe.org. Please review the PowerUp Handbook with your student. If a device is lost or damaged, the assigned family is responsible for device replacement costs. To keep those costs affordable, the school system has made low cost insurance available for all families. The PowerUp Handbook contains information about insurance and we will review it during Parent Orientation.

PowerUp places the latest technology in the hands of all our students. It is exciting to see them have access to a variety of software, engage in digital assignments, and be trailblazers in the next wave of technology.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Stephanie Watford, Media Specialist at Westside High School.

Let's PowerUp Patriots!

Sincerely,



William P. Smith, Principal
Westside High School