



June 5, 2018

Dear parents and guardians of students in AMDSB,

In Avon Maitland District School Board (AMDSB) we appreciate the confidence that you have shown us by enrolling your child(ren) in our schools and your opinions about your family's experience are tremendously important to us. This letter is written to invite you to participate in our most recent survey about the use of technology in our classrooms.

The Next Generation Learning initiative whereby students receive personal devices, and specifically iPads, represents a dramatic investment in our Intermediate students and has served as a catalyst for transforming learning environments for the past five years. We have been conducting ongoing research over these years to determine the impact of the individualized devices on student learning. As part of this process we have asked for parental feedback. The voices of parents have shaped the decisions that we have made, and they will continue to inform our direction.

We would really appreciate it if you connect on the link provided below and respond to the following questions related to your experiences. Paper copies of the survey will also be available from your child's school office. We imagine that it will take you about 30 minutes to complete the survey. It will be open from June 4 to 18, 2018. If there are any questions that you would prefer not to answer, please just skip them. Please note that students and staff have also received surveys about their experiences with the iPads. The answers you provide will not be tied to you in any way because all survey responses are anonymous. Once the survey closes, the data will help us to understand the impact of the Next Generation Learning initiative from parents' and guardians' perspectives.

The information gathered from these surveys will be collated and shared with trustees at a public board meeting, and will be used to inform our plans for the upcoming school years.

Thank you for taking time to provide your thoughts as your voices are invaluable to the process.

[Parent Technology Survey Link](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lisa Walsh'.

Dr. Lisa Walsh
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board