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Dear Parents:

As you may be aware, District representatives have been in discussions with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) since November 2005 about the Laptops for Learning program in which your student participates. Despite the fact that the District had legal counsel approve the structure of the program prior to its implementation, the ACLU expressed concerns about the collection of parent fees to support the program. The District and the ACLU have developed an agreement that will allow the program to continue, including the extension of the program for current sixth grade students through the junior high years.

The settlement agreement requires that the District contact all parents who have contributed toward the purchase of a laptop computer and allow them an opportunity to request a refund and terminate their lease/purchase agreements. The refunds will be drawn against a settlement fund of \$52,000. If requests exceed this amount, refunds will be prorated accordingly. Parents who receive a refund will also relinquish their computer ownership. If insufficient numbers of parents elect to continue their lease/purchase agreements, the laptop program at their respective schools will not continue. During the coming weeks, expect to receive a legal notification informing you of your right to request a refund.

We thank you for your support of this program in the past, and we hope you will continue to support it in the future by continuing your lease/purchase agreement. Your students deserve an educational experience appropriate for the twenty-first century like the experience they are receiving in the Laptops for Learning program.

Sincerely,

Cameron M. McCune, Ed.D.

The Fullerton School District is committed to the California constitutional mandate of making educational activities available to all students without regard to their family's ability or willingness to pay fees or request special waivers.