



News Release

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The Fullerton School District and the American Civil Liberties Union announce that they have reached a settlement agreement with respect to the District's Laptops for Learning Program. In reaching a settlement, it was the desire of both parties to develop the basis for a program, which would ensure that participation was voluntary and that students could participate without cost. Both parties shared the common goal that access to educational programs do not depend on what a family can afford. Under the new program, if 90% of the families at a school or a grade within the school purchase computers or qualify for scholarships, which will be paid for by federal, state and locally raised money, the District will provide the remaining 10% of families computers to borrow if they pay a nominal fee for insurance. Whether student families buy or borrow computers, they will have full and equal access to a computer during the school year.

Existing programs will continue in place, provided that there continues to be adequate parental support. The settlement also provides a limited fund for refunds to those parents who wish to withdraw from the program. Cameron McCune, District Superintendent, noted that the Laptop Program "is a valued component in the educational process," and further stated that he "is hopeful that the entire community can now move forward in a positive way for its continued and future implementation".

The settlement will be implemented through the process of a class action lawsuit, followed by a mutually agreed upon consent decree which will be subject to Orange County Superior Court approval and oversight.

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