Dear Parent/Guardian:

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. To encourage this growth, your child’s school has successfully been selected for the Powering Up Students project. We recognize that with a new initiative such as this, you will have many questions about Powering Up. This document outlines the beliefs and intended outcomes around the initiative. Please read the document and sign with your student.

Q: What devices may my student bring?
   Privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held device equipment. This includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies. These devices will be used to assist in creating powerful learning opportunities. ie. Smart phones, laptops, tablets

Q: What if my student does not have their own device?
   Students who cannot bring in outside technology will be able to access and utilize the school’s equipment.

Q: When will my student be asked to bring their device?
   Teachers will be providing students adequate notice as to the date they will be asked to bring their device to class.

Q: Who is responsible for security and damages?
   Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. Saskatoon Public Schools is not liable for any device stolen or damages on school property. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations.

Q: Will there be any costs incurred?
   Students will be allowed to connect to the schools wireless network during instructional time. This will eliminate any unnecessary personal data costs. Your student will not be asked to access paid data services. If your student chooses to access data services beyond our provided network, the division will not be responsible for any incurred costs.

Q: Will my student be able to print from their device?
   Printing from personal technology devices will not be possible at school. Students can transfer their information to Saskatoon public devices where printing is available.
Q: Can my student use their own external internet based accounts?
   Students may be required to set up external internet based accounts or use their existing accounts that
   are not managed by Saskatoon public for educational purposes. However, the school board has no
   management control over these services. Students would be expected to adhere to the End User
   Agreement of the external service provider and the Acceptable Use Policy of SPS

Q: When can my student use their device?
   As with any technology brought to school, there are guidelines for acceptable behavior and usage
   policies. Students are required to adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy as outlined within the student
   handbook and the Saskatoon Public Schools website.

Q: What is the intended use of the device?
   It is expected that students will access software, applications or internet sites on the device, which are
   relevant to classroom curriculum. Students will be using the technology to:
   • Process or access information that relates to the learning.
   • Create, collaborate and communicate.

Q: What is considered inappropriate usage of the device?
   • “Hacking”, altering, or bypassing network security policies.
   • Malicious intent ie. Deliberately infecting a program, using a program designed to damage, alter,
     destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information.
   • Attempting to bypass the school’s network filters that are applied to each students account.
   Note: The school administrator reserves the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected
   of causing problems or believes was the source of an attack or virus infection.

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We understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. We further understand that any violation
may result in the loss of network and/or device privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Student Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: _____________________________

Parent Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: _____________________________

Please sign and return to your child’s homeroom teacher.