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MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

PRESS RELEASE

MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT GOES HIGH TECH

2011-2012 iPad Implementation at the New Monroe Township High School

Monroe Township, Middlesex County New Jersey – September 2, 2011: This October every Monroe Township High School 9 through 12 grade student will receive an iPad2 to use during the year for classwork and homework assignments.

“The world is changing around us at a rapid pace. To keep up with changing academic demands at the state, federal, and international level, our school district has engaged in aggressive research and study of what 21st Century learners need to know, understand, and be able to do in order to be competitive in today’s global society. In Monroe Township, we understand traditional high school classrooms have the ability to be transformed into havens for exciting and innovative approaches to learning. Our iPad implementation is a concerted effort to address this paradigm shift in the teaching and learning process in our schools,” stated Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Gorman, and Director of Information Systems, Mr. Reggie Washington.

School Superintendent, Dr. Kenneth R. Hamilton, expressed appreciation to the Monroe Township Board of Education and Monroe community residents for supporting two bond referendums, an \$82.9 million bond in 2003 and a \$41.9 million bond in 2007; allowing for the construction of a new state-of-the-art high school with a portion of the funds specifically allocated toward technology development in the high school. “The Board was very wise to have the foresight to delay committing to a specific technology initiative at the time of the referendums, understanding that technological advancements would have changed dramatically by the time the new facility opened,” said Dr. Hamilton. The district leadership and Board of Education are hoping the 2011-2012 iPad implementation will be a move in the direction over time of ushering in a textbook-free, 21st Century challenge-based learning environment at the high school level.

The district has developed an extensive Acceptable Use Policy and plans to provide students and parents with technology orientation to explain the details of the policy and student and parent responsibilities. *Monroe Township School District is a comprehensive Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade school district with almost 6,000 students, and is committed to **all** children by preparing them to reach their full potential and to function in a global society through a preeminent education. The district currently has five elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school.*

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