## Pleasantdale School District 107

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At the January 2017 Board of Education meeting, the Board approved technology fees to support our district's technology initiative. The goal of these new fees is to offset the cost of the devices that students use in classrooms. As part of our comprehensive technology plan, the district has upgraded the wifi networks at our schools, hired staff to support technology integration in the classroom, and created a technology professional development series for teachers. These efforts have greatly improved the use of technology as a learning tool within our classrooms.

The district began collecting technology fees on May 1, 2017 when online registration opened. To date we have collected the majority of the technology fees from our parents. The table below shows the percentage of fees collected by grade level.

Grade	% Paid
Kindergarten	90%
First Grade	89%
Third Grade	92%
Fourth Grade	93%
Fifth Grade	96%
Sixth Grade	90%

We currently have 42 students who have yet to pay their required technology fees. Over the course of the past several months, the administration has sent multiple reminder emails, notices via US mail, and placed recorded reminder calls to families who have not paid their fees. These reminders have included information on setting up a payment plan if necessary.

In order to collect the required fees from parents who are delinquent, but financially able, the administration recommends contracting with Vander Financial (Licensed Collection Agency). Vander Financial retains 35% of all fees collected. A final reminder will be sent to these families notifying them that non-payment will result in a referral to a collection agency. If the fees are not remitted by October 2 the account would be referred to collections. Moving forward the administration recommends the following timeline for fee payment.

- Fees Timeline (2018-19)
  - Monday, April 2, 2018 Registration/Fee Payment Opens (email all parents, notice on social networks)
  - Friday, April 27, 2018 Email notice through Skyward (all outstanding accounts)
  - Monday, May, 7, 2018 First letters
  - Friday, May 18, 2018 Certified letters (Final Reminder)
  - Friday, June 1, 2018 Phone calls (robocall)
  - Friday, June 15, 2018 Accounts to collection