



# News Release

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## Center Grove to Expand iPad Program to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

GREENWOOD, IN (May 7, 2014)—Center Grove Community School Corporation (CGCSC) will expand the district's 1:1 iPad program, Mobile Minds 1:1 Initiative, to include students in Grade 8 for the 2014-15 school year.

Approximately 600 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive iPads at the start of the school year. Giving students the iPads in 8<sup>th</sup> grade will allow them to become proficient with the devices by the time they get to Center Grove high school where iPads are fully integrated into the curriculum. The iPads have been purchased through the use of the Technology Department's Capital Projects Fund. Students will be required to pay an additional fee (\$125) to rent an iPad. Students will also have the option to bring their own devices.

"Our students need the opportunity to build 21<sup>st</sup> century skills," said Superintendent Rich Arkanoff. "This iPad requirement will allow our students to seamlessly make the transition from 8<sup>th</sup> grade to high school and from high school to the higher education setting or workforce."

At the start of the 2013-14 school year, Center Grove successfully launched the Mobile Minds 1:1 Initiative by providing iPads for the more than 2,400 students at Center Grove High School. The students have positively expressed how this has transformed the way they learn.

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### **About Center Grove Community School Corporation**

Center Grove Community School Corporation is a public school system that serves the 42,000 residents of White River Township in Johnson County, Indiana, approximately 20 miles south of Indianapolis.

Center Grove's staff of 900 is dedicated to the education of approximately 7,700 Students in grades Kindergarten through 12. The district is the 32<sup>nd</sup> largest in the state with five elementary schools (Center Grove E.S., Maple Grove E.S., North Grove E.S., Pleasant Grove E.S., and Sugar Grove E.S.), two middle schools (Center Grove M.S. Central and Center Grove M.S. North), and one high school (Center Grove High School).

Center Grove's mission is to develop knowledgeable, confident and responsible citizens.