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Dear Parent/Guardian of a 16-17 SY BDCHS Student:

We are looking forward to welcoming your child for the 2016-2017 school year. As we prepare for the necessary instructional materials for each department (Math, Science, English Language Arts, Social Science, and Elective), it is best to order the basic items and subscriptions for online access in the summer and have the materials ready for the start of school so that instructional time is not lost.

If you are able to donate a minimum \$100 Instructional Donation for your student, we will be able to divvy up funds among all 5 departments to order classroom materials beginning July 1st. Any donation above the \$100 minimum will only further enhance classroom instruction in other areas of need-- namely, technology and online access for various programs. The donation *will* cover the cost of the lab and art fees which otherwise would be owed the first week of school. This donation *does not* count towards volunteer hours and *does not* cover the cost of the supplies your child will need such as notebooks, pencils, calculator, etc. (Please make checks payable to BDCHS with your student's name and grade level on the memo line.) **Your donation *will* allow us to purchase much needed items/renew programs such as the following:**

- Advanced Placement Textbooks (up to \$300 per book)
- Gizmo (interactive science lab software, \$674 for annual license)
- Quia (interactive assessment software tool, \$500 for annual license)
- New textbooks with new Florida Standards (up to \$85 per book)
- *My Access*, English II Writing Program (\$5 per student)
- Science lab equipment (25 glass beakers, \$250 for the set)
- *ALEKS* online math program (approx. \$13,250)
- *Study Island*-online reading and test prep program (approx. \$5,000)
- Elective materials such as sheet music, art supplies, world language software, etc.

Non-profit charter schools such as BDCHS must manage a balanced, site based budget and we remain firm in our commitment to providing a quality, public education and maintaining our A Grade from the Florida Department of Education while offering our students the very best resources for learning.

Thank you in advance for your support of your child's education.

Sincerely,  
Kristine Bennett, Ed.S.  
Proud Principal