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Slug=MENDON I-PAD PROGRAM

A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ACCUSED OF BREAKING STATE LAW BY PUSHING PARENTS TO BUY I-PADS. ACCORDING TO THE METROWEST DAILY NEWS, THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION HAS WRITTEN A LETTER TO THE MENDON-UPTON REGION SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE GROUP SAYS THE DISTRICT'S I-PAD POLICY DISADVANTAGES STUDENTS FROM FAMILIES WHO CAN'T OR WON'T PURCHASE THE DEVICE. THE DISTRICT OFFERS I-PADS FOR STUDENTS TO USE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, BUT ONLY STUDENTS WHO PAY FOR THE DEVICES CAN TAKE THEM HOME.

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Slug=KEEPING UP IN CLASS

WE LIVE IN A FAST PACED WORLD AND TEND TO MEASURE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY HOW QUICKLY WE CAN GET STUFF DONE. BUT THIS MIGHT NOT BE FAIR FOR SOME KIDS THAT TAKE LONGER TO DIGEST INFORMATION AND ASSIGNMENTS AT HOME AND SCHOOL. FOR SOME INSIGHT WE HAVE DR. ELLEN BRAATEN, HARVARD & MGH PSYCHOLOGIST AND AUTHOR OF THE NEW BOOK, BRIGHT KIDS WHO CAN'T KEEP UP: THE PSYCHOLOGICAL COST OF SLOW PROCESSING SPEED.