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Dear Parents,

Last Friday at West Essex High School a Chromebook malfunctioned. The battery in the Chromebook smoldered and smoked causing the evacuation of one room. Over the weekend, West Essex staff identified the Chromebook problem as improper installation of a replacement battery. Ian Adlon, North Caldwell's Computer System Technician, was in contact with West Essex to determine the exact nature of the malfunction to ensure that a similar issue did not occur in any of the Chromebooks that our students are currently using.

North Caldwell students are using a different brand of Chromebook than West Essex and, as a result, the manner in which the battery is installed is different. North Caldwell is using HP Chromebooks which are not vulnerable to faulty installation of a battery. If a battery was installed incorrectly, the Chromebook case would not be able to close.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Linda Freda, Ed.D