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Superintendent of Schools

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I hope this letter finds you and your family well. We are committed to a strong, virtual opening on September 11, 2020. Our Board of Education approved the application for federally funded CARES Emergency Relief Act Grant funding in the amount of \$1,977,326 and Digital Divide funding in the amount of \$2,640,432 for a combined total of \$4,617,758 to support over 7,000 devices for all Preschool, Kindergarten, First and Second grade teachers and students at every school. In addition, the federal funding also covers the cost for internet connectivity for the 2020-2021 school year.

Our Division of Informational Technology has been preparing student laptops by uploading all new digital software for distribution to our families of children in grades Preschool, Kindergarten, First, Second and Third Grade. Parents will receive a phone call from our Division of Informational Technology with an appointment date and time to pick up the laptop device. Parents will be able to pick up the laptop device with minimal contact and without having to access our schools. Please be reminded to wear your face mask and exercise proper social distancing upon arrival.

Distribution Dates	School	Grades
August 10-August 14	School 1, 2 & 9	K,1,2
August 17-August 21	School 1, 2 & 9	PK, 3
August 17-August 21	School 4,5,6,7,8,12,13	PK, K,1,2,3
August 24-August 28	School 14,15,16,18,19,20,21	PK, K,1,2,3
August 31- September 4	School 22,23,25,26,27,28,29,30	PK, K,1,2,3

Elizabeth Public Schools is also increasing technical support to families and students. If you are experiencing technical issues with your EPS laptop device or are having an issue with internet connectivity, you can contact our Technology Support Hotline at 908-436-5065. You can also send a Trouble Ticket by logging in your child's school email and password at <https://support.epsnj.org/>. Parents will then be provided with an appointment, if needed for service at our Drive-Thru Help Center.

Sincerely,

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