March 10, 2020

Dear Elizabeth Public Schools Community:

Elizabeth Public Schools, in alignment with its core beliefs and promise to provide an innovative and personalized learning environment, continually strives to use communication and instructional methods that best serve students and families. Technology and online tools play an increasingly important role in our ability to prepare our students for college and career opportunities in the 21st century global marketplace.

To better assess how readily available technology and internet access are for our students, we are conducting a districtwide parent/guardian survey this week.

Beginning March 10th, a Technology and Internet Access Survey will be distributed to all school district parents/guardians. A link to the online survey was provided to families via email. The survey link was posted on the district and all school websites as well as shared on the district’s social media feeds. In addition to online access, printed copies of the survey will be distributed to all schools to be sent home with students to be returned to school by March 13th.

It is imperative that at least one parent/guardian in custody of each student of Elizabeth Public Schools creates a PowerSchool Parent Portal Account with updated contact information, especially an email address and emergency contact information, so the district can ensure that information pertaining to potential crisis or emergency situations can reach all families of our students. Please reach out to your school principal for further guidance.

Thank you for assisting in gathering this crucial information to provide the best and highest quality education possible for our students while helping us to maintain a safe and healthy school community.

Sincerely,

Olga Hugelmeyer

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We want to continue to embrace useful technological advances, but realize not all families have the same access. Help us assess how readily available technology and internet access are for your child/children at home. Please complete one survey per family. Thank you for taking the time to help us better serve your child/children.

1. How many of your children are currently students of Elizabeth Public Schools? ____

2. What school does your child/children attend? (If you have more than one student, list all schools)

3. What grade is your child/children in? (If you have more than one student, check all that apply)

4. Approximately how far do you live from the nearest public school?

   - Less than 1 block
   - More than 5 blocks
   - 1-3 blocks
   - 3-5 blocks
8. What technologies does your child/children have access to at home? *(Check all that apply)*

- Desktop Computer (Mac or PC)
- Laptop, Chromebook, Netbook
- Tablet (iPad, Nexus, Fire, etc)
- Other (please specify) ____________________________
- Smartphone (iPhone, Galaxy, Note, etc.)
- No technology device at home

9. Does your home have internet access?

- Yes
- No

10. If you *don’t* have internet access at home, does your child/children have an alternate method for accessing the internet? *(Select all that apply)*

- Yes, access at restaurant or business
- Yes, access at local library
- Yes, through a family member or friend
- Yes, through my (or my spouse’s) work
- No, we can’t access the internet
- Other (please specify) ____________________________

Please return completed survey to your school’s Main office by Friday, March 13, 2020.

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