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Dear ESASD Families,

At East Stroudsburg Area School District, we want **each** of our graduates to be successful in their post-high school workplaces or institutions of further study. We know that in this century it is nearly impossible to do this without a digital device and so we have been committed to giving our students access to these devices at school and teaching them to use them properly.

However, digital devices cannot achieve their maximum intended educational value unless used both at school and at home. It is our desire that each of our students be able to access learning in a way that is personally relevant and equitable, and so we are happy to continue our practice of assigning each student a laptop device that they will be taking home.

Laptops will be handed out on the first day of school. In order to receive their laptop, students must bring with them the proper completed paperwork assuring us that they and their family have read and understood all the guidelines. You will be receiving this paperwork via email from your child's Principal and it will ask you to read and understand the Digital Device Handbook, located on our website. If you need help understanding this handbook or can't access it online, please call your child's school to obtain a physical copy before you sign the form. Once you have read it, please complete the form and select the **first option** to use the device in school and at home.

In rare circumstances, families may find it harmful for students to bring this device home because of past device misuse. Students who do not have permission to take their device home will return their devices to a designated location at the end of every day and may be given

alternate assignments by their teachers. We support those families who feel that their child's device should remain at school for a time period. Families will complete the paperwork and select the **second option** to use the device in school ONLY. Families may then allow home use at any time during the year by completing a new form and selecting the first option.

We also recognize that not all families have access to a wifi network at home. Many of the applications on the laptops are designed to work offline so that student work done at home will automatically update once students return to school or connect to a wifi network. Similarly, many digital texts can be accessed even without wifi access with proper preparation. Teachers will work with all students to teach them ways to do this.

Please make sure to contact your building administration with any more questions regarding our device distribution and use. We are looking forward to equipping our students with the materials they need to successfully fulfill their post-secondary dreams!

Sincerely,



Heather A. Piperato