



Good evening DCS Family,

We have successfully made it through an A day, a B day and a remote instruction day, and are pleased with how smoothly the days are going. Students and teachers are adapting well to new processes and new ways to learn in the classroom. DCS Virtual has experienced some issues, but all virtual students across NC have had issues statewide since NCEdCloud is a state run program. Otherwise, DCS Virtual is off and running and students are adjusting well to learning remotely. Bottom line, there are so many happy faces, both in classrooms and online. While we will undoubtedly have challenges to work through, there is also a ton to celebrate. We can't lose sight of that. We are back together, either in person or online, and our students have been missed!

It has been important for teachers to take some time to provide extra support this year for our students, getting to know them, and making sure they feel comfortable and excited about the new school year. With new safety protocols and the addition of remote instruction to our week, it is important that we take the time to make sure students understand expectations and are confident beginning the academic year.

Devices will continue to be distributed throughout this week and instructions on how to log in will be given. It is important that parents and students communicate directly with your teacher with any device issues. Teachers are equipped to answer most questions, and will be able to communicate directly with our Technology Department should they not be able to answer a specific question. Again, your first communication should be to teachers with device issues, which will help expedite a solution when there could potentially be a high volume of requests. We appreciate your patience and please know we will be working as hard as we can to make sure issues are resolved.

As always, continue to visit our Safe & Secure page on the district website for resource links and documents. We are adding information daily to include things like Canvas tutorials, state and local updates, and safety procedures. We're in this together, we love our students and we are committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for every student and staff member. Have a great rest of your week!