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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I write today to share information regarding how to access online resources and how grade 3-8 families may pick up a school device if you do not have a home computer. **If you have home access to a personal computer, you do not need to pick up a school computer. All online resources being shared by teachers during this time will be accessible from a personal computer.**

Schoolwork:

Your child's teacher will be in touch with you regarding how they will deliver resources and materials to you. If your child has access to a computer at home, your child can use that computer to access the resources and materials your child's teacher(s) will be sharing over the next 3 weeks. Many of the resources will be available through the BCSD LaunchPad. You will find directions to access our Launchpad from a personal computer on the [technology page](#) on the district website. You will need to log into a Chrome browser using your child's school account and install an extension to fully utilize the BCSD Launchpad.

Devices and Computer Access at Home:

If you DO NOT have access to a computer at home, the District is making Chromebooks available to students in grades 3-8. FLMS students will receive the same Chromebook they use every day in school. Grades 3-5 students will receive a Chromebook from the school inventory. Additionally, the District is making iPads available to students that use an iPad to access the electronic curriculum or as a communication device. **On Tuesday, March 17th parents may pick-up a Chromebook or iPad from your local elementary school (where you vote for District elections), regardless of the school your child may attend daily.**

Picking Up Device(s):

If you drive to the school, please line up in the bus circle and remain in your car. We will hand out devices directly to you. If you choose to walk to your school, please wait outside near the bus circle. In keeping with suggested protocols, please do not gather in large groups while waiting for devices. The times for pickup on Tuesday, March 17th are:

- 10:30 am - 11:30 am - Grade 3 & 4
- 11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Grade 5 & 6
- 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm - Grade 7 & 8

These times are to help minimize crowds. If you cannot make your assigned time, please come at another time and you will receive the device. ***Please note: If you have a personal computer at home, you do not need to pick up a school Chromebook. Your child will be able to access resources from a personal Chromebook, Windows or Mac.***

Internet Access:

If you do not have access to regular internet service for a computer, the District is securing a limited number of Internet Hotspots that we can loan out. These hotspots connect to the cell phone network to create a WiFi network your child can use to connect to the Internet. Unfortunately, if you do not have reliable cell service at your home, the hotspot will not work. The hotspots are on order and will not be



available until the end of the week, at the earliest. If you need a hotspot, please [complete this form by clicking here](#), so we can contact you when one becomes available. Supplies of these hotspots are very limited and we may not be able to provide one to every family. As an alternative, you may also be able to connect your child's device to the Internet using a built-in hotspot on a cell phone. You can find the setting for this in the same menu where you connect the phone to WiFi. Also, the Optimum Network, owned by Altice, is offering free Internet to families with students at home during this school closure. You can call Optimum at 866-200-9522 to enroll in this free program.

For assistance with technology during this school closure, please [click here to complete an online form to request assistance](#).

Sincerely,
David Gee, Director of Technology

