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School District 92 Update to Community

A special request to Parents

With no immediate end to the COVID-19 challenge in sight, teachers continue to work predominantly from home preparing learning opportunities for their students. Over 150 pieces of technology have been loaned to students and families to support online learning. These devices were distributed using the following priority:

The intent is that each family have at least one device for learning in the household. In the first lending round, the loans were prioritized as:

- First priority - Students without any device for learning
- Second priority - IEP students or other students with special needs requiring a device for learning
- Third priority - Students who are sharing 1 device amongst many people in a family

The devices were cleaned and serviced by the school district tech department before they were distributed. Because this takes time, the laptops were delivered to schools last week and the iPads arrived this week. Once the first two priorities have been dealt with, we will distribute the remaining pieces to families with multiple students sharing.

A big thank you to Nisga'a Lisims Government and their Communication Department for providing internet access to families that didn't have it.

It is hoped that with this increased access that many more students will begin to return work that has been sent home but not returned. This concern remains a very high priority for us. We urge students and families to return completed work for assessment. This allows staff to adjust the learning opportunities to move forward, and in particular for high school students to assess whether credit can be obtained for the courses they are enrolled in. To date only 10-20 percent of work sent home has been returned for assessment.

Grade 12 students have all been contacted with the course completion they need in order to successfully meet the Ministry's requirements for graduation. Please stay in close contact with your teachers to ensure you complete the necessary work to gain course credit. Without this completion, graduation will not be achieved. We know you can do it but time is rapidly diminishing, with but 40 school days left in the year.

Staff have been working hard to provide meaningful learning opportunities, Creative connections, videos, lessons through teams, are all helping teachers to stay connected with students.

If we all do our part, then this school year can continue to be a success, despite the unique and challenging circumstances the COVID-19 Pandemic presented.

Joe Rhodes,
Superintendent of Schools