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March 18, 2020

Good afternoon, SUSD Parents and Guardians,

Here is your daily update from the District. It covers a variety of topics on matters you have been inquiring about in recent days, and more:

SUSD Technology Device Checkout and Connectivity Offerings

Devices and Internet Access Available

Families that need devices and Internet access can check them out on Friday, March 20 at two sites in the district. **We want to ensure we have enough devices for families, so this first roll out is for families that do not have any devices or access to the Internet.**

Devices can be picked up on Friday, March 20 between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at:

- Navajo Elementary: 7501 E. Oak St, Scottsdale
- Chaparral High School: 6935 E. Gold Dust Ave, Scottsdale

Additional pick-up days will be planned. Once again, this initial check-out day is for families that do not have **any** devices in the household.

Students or parent/guardians will be requested to present the student's Scottsdale Unified school-issued ID for 5th through 12th grade students and a Government-issued ID, as well as their child's Student ID Number before receiving technology items.

Internet Access

Scottsdale Unified School District has partnered with Cox Communications through its affordable [Connect2Compete](#) program to provide connectivity to students who do not have an Internet connection at home. This program will help provide students with the valuable connectivity they need to continue learning at home.

The Connect2Compete program provides:

- First month of free service, \$9.95 per month thereafter
- First month of free premium remote Help Desk Support
- Installation with no additional fees

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- In-home Wi-Fi equipment at no additional charge

Cox Communication is also working with [PCs for People](#) to provide discounted, refurbished computers to eligible families.

The [Connect2Compete](#) program is available to families that have at least one child who attends Scottsdale Unified schools and who participate in one of these government subsidy programs:

- The National School Lunch Program, SNAP, TANF or Public Housing **and** are not a current Cox customer.

Families should e-mail Patti Bilbrey at pbilbrey@susd.org to request a copy of their eligibility letter for proof of eligibility for this program.

In addition, the following hotspot providers around Scottsdale have made the following arrangements:

- Cox Communications offers a range of services. For more information, visit <https://www.cox.com/residential/internet/learn/cox-hotspots.html>
- Comcast Xfinity hotspots are free to the public during this time. Visit <https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>.
- Sprint will provide unlimited data to existing customers. Starting Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Sprint will allow all handsets to enable hot-spots for 60 days at no extra charge. Visit <https://newsroom.sprint.com/covid-19-updates-sprint-responds.htm>
- T-Mobile is providing unlimited data to existing customers. It will soon allow all handsets to enable hot-spots for 60 days at no extra charge. Visit <https://www.t-mobile.com/news/t-mobile-update-on-covid-19-response>. SUSD also has a limited number of Verizon hotspots and modems available for checkout for those families who do not have Internet and will not be participating in any of the above programs.

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Community Education

We are working on a plan for families that have paid for programming during the closure. More information will be coming soon. Be sure to bookmark www.susd.org/CommunityEd where we will share more information when it becomes available.

Musical Instrument Pick Up

We are working on a plan for students to pick up their musical instruments at school. More information coming soon.

Communication from Teachers

Teachers will be reaching out to students on Friday, March 20, 2020 electronically. This includes ALL students. Classroom teachers, Special Education teachers and teachers of English Language Learners will all be contacting families. Online learning will begin Monday, March 23. Principals, Assistant Principals and teachers are receiving training this week on how to deliver instruction online.

Again, thank you for your patience while we work through the many considerations that are being presented to us at this time. Please know that you have a dedicated group of SUSD employees making the very best decisions possible for your students.

Thank you,

SUSD Cabinet and Leadership Team