

Hello BSD Students and Parents,

Just wanted to send a quick update to all of you. I know you have been receiving a lot of information from our principals. Staff is busy planning for the upcoming school year and the start with online instruction. While it is new to all of us, we are excited to get the school year started and having a successful year.

- 1) We will be doing technology device handout next Monday and Wednesday:
  - a. Monday August 31<sup>st</sup> – Last names A-L – 1 pm to 6 pm
  - b. Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Last names M-Z – 1 pm to 6 pm

Pick-up is located at each school. Principals will send out directions for pick-up.

2) If you are in need of an internet hotspot, please contact the front office at your child's school. Oregon Department of Education recently announced a partnership with Verizon to provide hotspots at a reduced rate for districts. We will be purchasing some hotspots to distribute to families who need them. Unfortunately, that delayed us having access to those. We anticipate those coming later in September. We are problem solving as a group to figure out how that will exactly work for students who will not have online access right away. We apologize for the delay.

3) We are starting school on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The week of September 8<sup>th</sup> will be called a "soft start". Teachers will be conducting virtual home visits with each family and administrators will be hosting parent / student orientations. Your building principal and teams will be sending out more information about all of the orientation and engagement opportunities.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we roll out online learning. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's principal or myself. We are excited to get the year started and for it to be a huge success.

Be well,

Jeff Leo  
Superintendent  
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