



Union County Educational Services Commission

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Dear Parents and Family Members:

Union County Educational Services Commission recognize that technology is central to instructional engagement during distance learning programs. We are equally committed to ensuring equitable access to technology for all our students.

For families that indicated their child does not have dedicated access to a technology device, Union County ESC has arranged to provide Dell Chromebooks on loan while instruction is provided using a distance learning model.

In the next few days, families who requested a device can expect to receive a UPS package. Immediately upon delivery, I ask that you email your child's principal to confirm receipt of the Chromebook and return a signed copy of the UCESC Device Loan Agreement to your child's school using the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Your failure to follow these requirements and/or comply with the agreement may result in the remote deactivation of the device.

For families that indicated they do not currently have wireless internet access at home, a member of the IT Department at Elizabeth Public Schools will contact you shortly to assist you with free connectivity to an Altice Optimum WiFi hotspot.

In closing, I remind you of the shared responsibility in promoting student safety and ask that you monitor your child closely while using technology to ensure that resources are used in a responsible, ethical and appropriate manner.

Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Jason Balsamello, Principal of Hillcrest Academy – South Campus, at jbalsamello@ucesc.org or (908) 654-8558 and Mr. John Marquet, Principal of Hillcrest Academy – North Campus, at jmarquet@ucesc.org or (908) 233-9366 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support and commitment to student learning.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Kowalski

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