



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GOVERNOR'S COVID-19 LEARN FROM HOME TASKFORCE



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Dear Superintendents,

Greetings and we hope all is well for you and yours. Thank you all for the tremendous work you are doing on behalf of students in your districts during these challenging times. As Co-Chairs of the Learn from Home Task Force (LHTF), we deeply appreciate the support we have received from so many of you throughout the past two months. While we recognize that our project has centered on Alliance Districts, we wanted to briefly provide all Superintendents with a few updates on our work... and ask for a favor in terms of data collection. In advance, we are deeply appreciative of your time and effort to complete the task below.

The Task:

1. Distance Learning Participation & Survey: As we continue our efforts to provide devices to students and families, the LHTF has been asked to further examine levels of Distance Learning participation across the state with a heavy focus on connectivity. In order to better understand this challenge, we have drafted a brief survey seeking to better understand levels across the state. We ask for your prompt response to this important survey by **May 22nd** so we can help policy makers produce data-driven solutions.

Survey Link: https://sdect.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2t6QOF76mw6wYNT

The Updates:

2. Alliance District Laptops: Round 1 of laptops are expected to arrive on or around May 25, 2020. With the recent announcement of schools being closed for the remainder of the year, this situation continues to evolve and require flexibility as districts respond to student needs. It is imperative that your District IT Director remain in close contact with your DELL representative to coordinate exact shipping dates.
3. Considerations for Laptops: The LHTF recognizes that districts will need to individually strategize regarding distribution/timelines and appropriate safety precautions as we continue to evolve our response to COVID-19. This includes planning for summer enrichment or summer school support. Additionally, we strongly encourage a focus on the continued development of long term, high-quality distance learning. These devices provide 1:1 access to all high school students in Alliance Districts that will immediately support learning over the next 3-5 years. As Connecticut continues to work to close a persistent achievement gap and provide equitable access and opportunity for all students, these devices offer an important opportunity for Alliance District educators.

Thank you again for your attention and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any specific questions.

Sincerely,

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