

Stroud Public Schools

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Joe L. Van Tuijl
Superintendent

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Dear School Patrons:

Tuesday evening, the Stroud Board of Education made additional commitments to the implementation of the Stroud Public Schools Virtual Education Program. Today we can start providing most of the details for how we will proceed with materials distribution from the various school sites and other information.

Please understand this is a staggered release of materials due to our ability to get equipment delivered and prepared in a very short period of time. This has been a rapid rollout of an extensive program in which all of our staff members have made major contributions. We expect the program to be good. In many ways we will be working with an entirely new way of processing education for our students. We understand this will be a different approach for them as well. Let us all exercise a good level of patience as we grow in our abilities here.

Contracts for students and parents/guardians will be available very soon. Principals will have information about returning these contracts. Signatures will be required prior to issue of Chromebooks to students. We believe availability of Chromebooks for the Middle School and High School will be Monday, April 6th. We believe availability for Parkview will be Wednesday, April 8th. Parkview has education options for those students on April 6th and 7th.

Hotspots (internet connectivity) will take a little longer. If you have your own internet connectivity, or access to connectivity, your Chromebook will be ready to utilize our resources as soon as we activate your services. We will provide internet connectivity if you do not have access as soon as possible. One hotspot to a qualifying household will fulfill our commitment to provide internet connectivity for our students. I cannot absolutely predict delivery time due to the high demand for those devices nationwide.

Also delayed will be a case/bag for carrying your equipment as well as headphones/microphone. We will provide access to those items to you as soon as we have delivery.

There are no costs to the student or parent/guardian for the equipment, but replacement costs for equipment can be very different. Students and parents/guardians will incur costs for damages and losses of the various pieces of equipment that are checked out to the student. We are investigating an insurance plan you may access, but we do not have final information available just now.

Parkview, Middle School and High School are providing building information about materials pickup

We expect our offering of a virtual education program will be a top model across the State. The human resources we provide represent the subject area specific expertise that we offer on a daily basis in our traditional education plan.

Building specific information to follow very soon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe L. Van Tuyl
Superintendent