



HOME TECHNOLOGY SURVEY

October 9, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have officially marked the first month being back in school. While most schools delayed opening school for in-person instruction, we did not as we were both prepared to open school safely and we felt it was in the best interests of students from an educational perspective.

We continue to analyze local and statewide COVID data, as well as updated best practices from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Considering the (a) upward trend in positive COVID cases at both the local, state and national level over the last few weeks, (b) the winter weather quickly approaching, and (c) with the onset of flu season; there are legitimate concerns over how long we can maintain a consistent level of in-school instruction. The reality exists that there will come a time where we will no longer be able to provide the same level of in-person (in school) instruction that we strive for, either due to illness or due to lack of staffing resulting from precautionary quarantine. Although that is something we hope to avoid, it is absolutely critical that we are proactive and plan for all scenarios – so we are prepared if or when the time comes to switch to remote instruction.

One area of preparation is student technology. As you know, the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of 468 new Chromebooks, one for each student. Unfortunately because of supply chain issues, they have not yet arrived. That being said, we have existing technology (iPad and laptops) that we can use to support student learning, until the new Chromebooks arrive. Preparing, distributing and maintaining this technology will definitely be a bit more challenging.

As we continue to plan for the future, I ask that the parent/guardian of every Bear Creek Community Charter School student **complete and return the survey below no later than Tuesday, October 13th**. Complete the form and send it back into school with your child – direct them to provide it to their homeroom teacher. We appreciate everyone's support and cooperation as we navigate these uncharted waters, and we will continue to keep you updated as the situation in our community and school evolves.

Jim Smith
Chief Executive Officer

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian's E-mail Address: _____

Do you have internet access at home your child can access? Yes No

Do you have a computer, iPad or Chromebook at home your child can use? Yes No

If school were to close, would you need to borrow a device from the school for your child to use, that you can pick up at school? Yes No