

# Connecting our Students & Families for Remote Learning Success

To CMSD Students & Families:

CMSD is committed to ensuring every CMSD household has access to the Internet and that each student is equipped with the laptop, Chromebook or other device needed to fully engage in learning this fall.

That commitment is evident in CMSD's digital equity program, **empowerCMSD**, created to achieve our goal of a 1:1 ratio of students and computers and no-cost access to the Internet through a hotspot or residential connection to a service provider. The distribution of devices has begun and will continue with deployment to students of early-start schools completed first.

CMSD is pleased to partner with DigitalC on our mission to close the digital divide. If your home address is within the service area of this Internet provider, you will receive a call to schedule installation of this Internet service at no cost to you. If your address is outside of the DigitalC service area, you will be provided with a Hotspot for Internet access at no cost to CMSD families.

Digital equity is more than ensuring that our students have a device and Internet access. Our empowerCMSD program includes increasing exposure to, and use of, technology through training for families and through internships for CMSD students.

We will continue to keep you updated as we assess the needs of each of our students and their households and as we work together to meet those needs for a successful 2020-21 school year.

## TECHNOLOGY DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

**Week of August 17 for Year-Round Schools reopening on August 24**

Families who did not receive a device for every student in their household will be provided additional devices as we work to achieve our goal to provide every CMSD student with a device and Internet access prior to the start of the school year.

**Weeks of August 20 and August 28 for remaining schools reopening on September 8**

Families will be contacted with specific dates and times for technology distribution and hot spots, where needed.

- Every CMSD student will be provided a laptop, Chromebook or other device suitable for remote learning.
- Each CMSD household will be provided a hotspot or residential Internet connection through DigitalC that will provide service for all devices in the household.

Call the Technology Service Desk for assistance with a District-issued device.

**216.838.0440**

