2020-21 Student Laptop Recommendations

Continue HS at 1:1
Middle School at 1:1
Elementary School at 1:1
All schools have Bring Your Own Device procedures in place
Comcast High Speed Broadband or Hotspot for families that need internet access.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Considerations

- More funds available to refresh technology
- Most learning resources are online, so students can access from personal device
- Personal devices are on separate network at school to limit district’s exposure to devices without current antivirus, controlled configurations
- Savings in support – personal devices are not supported by our staff beyond providing access information
- Need to have some extra SPS laptops available for standardized testing – cannot put restrictive browser on personal devices
- If a personal device breaks, SPS provides laptop (temporary or ongoing)
- Can expose lack of access issues because students with personal devices can load more specific software and tools they want, as opposed to being limited to the District’s required software

Other Background:

1. Piloted at Lincoln HS
   a. 35% of students elected to bring their own device
   b. Families were given minimum hardware specs for success with online tools
2. Even 1:1 schools where we heavily discouraged BYOD did not have 100% uptake
   a. Franklin HS had highest adoption rate of the 1:1 high schools – 85%
   b. Some families/students were concerned with liability – $350 fine for lost laptop
   c. Some families/students preferred to use their own
      - They had the laptop already available so didn’t need a second
      - They felt it left the district more funds to use for students who truly need it