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Dear Port Washington Community,

Thank you to those that attended last night's Board of Education meeting. During the meeting, there was an abundance of information shared, as well as new developments regarding the Chromebooks. Outlined below is a summary of key points regarding the Chromebook developments and the Fully Virtual Learning Platform that will clarify the necessary information needed in advance of our first day of school on September 8th.

CHROMEBOOKS

*****Please note, if you have a child in Pre-K to 1st grade, your child will be receiving an iPad. The District is in possession of all of the iPads, and instructions regarding distribution will be shared with you through your building principal.**

As of the meeting last night, the Technology Department located a distributor who is able to deliver the balance of Chromebooks needed so that ALL staff and students will receive a Chromebook by September 16th. If you received a device in the Spring, but need additional Chromebooks for other students in your home, please complete the following survey to indicate which child needs a device:

English Version: <https://forms.gle/m8YHJ3NH88vNfmKY6>

Spanish Version: <https://forms.gle/4oMSk9sj4L61uuBVA>

FULLY VIRTUAL LEARNING PLATFORM

The Fully Virtual Learning Platform (FVLP) is for those students who are choosing to attend classes from home. If you are interested in attending the FVLP for the month of September, please complete the following survey by **Friday, September 4th**.

English Version:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmnVSJSqDlv6HPOIKF68-c4mH0Ec6_lrsCjy6qpW5zg-dwow/viewform

Spanish Version:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSlb4jbMeMTkxbxvF_udkZmEtH2P_vGGI1LZRKc3W3i8yROA/viewform

On **September 25th**, all District families will be asked if they would like to attend the FVLP moving forward, and at that time more information will be provided on participation notice requirements.

In the FVLP, every student will be assigned a teacher, a house (for Weber), and team/classes (for Schreiber). At the elementary level, the month of September is hybrid, so each FVLP student will follow the schedule for their grade. For example:

ELEMENTARY – A Day in the Life of a FVLP Student

- A third-grader is assigned to Mr(s). “X’s” class.
- Third-graders are attending school in person for the month of September on the 9th, 11th, 15th and 17th.
- On Tuesday, September 8th, the 3rd-grade FVLP student will follow the remote plan along with every other 3rd-grader in their class. This will be a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning, which could include Google Meet, Google classroom, etc.
- On the days that the 3rd-graders are in school (September 9th, 11th, 15th and 17th), the 3rd-grade FVLP students will log in to the livestream and follow along with their class.

MIDDLE SCHOOL – A Day in the Life of a FVLP Student

- A 6th-grader is assigned to the red house.
- The 6th-grade red house students are attending school in person on Mondays and Thursdays. They are learning remotely on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
- On Tuesday, September 8th, the 6th-grade red house FVLP student will follow the remote day schedule along with the other 6th-grade red house hybrid students. The instruction provided during that remote day will be live instruction with their teachers via Google Meet or Zoom.
- On the days that the 6th-grade red house hybrid students are in school (Mondays and Thursdays), the 6th-grade red house FVLP students will log in to the livestream and follow along with their classes.
- As is always the policy at Weber, a student is encouraged to reach out to their teacher via e-mail if they have a question or concern.

SCHREIBER HIGH SCHOOL – A Day in the Life of a FVLP Student

- A 10th-grader is assigned to the blue team.
- The blue team students are attending school in person on A, C and E days and are learning remotely on B, D and F days.
- On Tuesday, September 8th, an ‘A’ day, the 10th-grade blue team FVLP student will log in to the livestream and follow along with their classes.
- On the days that the 10th-grade blue team students are remote, the FVLP student will follow the remote day schedule.
- As is always the policy at Schreiber, a student is encouraged to reach out to their teacher via e-mail if they have a question or concern.

While this is a lot of information and we have tried to synthesize it, we understand that questions still may exist. This is the plan for the month of September that will allow the students, staff, and parents to fully acclimate to the routines of the new way of being back to school. During this time, the committees will continue to meet, evaluate and tweak the process moving forward. Updates will be provided, and hopefully some of those remaining questions will be answered once we are able to begin school.

Sincerely,



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