



## News release

### March 18, 2020

#### Everett Public Schools device distribution a huge success

*Over 1,000 computers checked out with staff preparing more to meet the need*

Everett, WA – A team of dedicated and well-organized Everett Public School employees supplied computers and hotspots to students who did not have access to them at home on Wednesday, March 18, to provide resources to families during the March 16 – April 24 school closure mandated by the state. Families lined up early and were directed through a smooth pick up process at the Community Resource Center and Jackson High School.



Families line up at the Community Resource Center for device distribution.

“Employees came from different departments united in a common cause to support our families during these difficult times. Their quick response and caring hearts are just another example of what I am seeing daily as we come together as a community to help each other,” said Caroline Mason, School Board President.

In order to better engage in learning while at home, it is vital for students to have a computer and internet access. All high school students and most middle school students already have a 1:1 device, thanks to the 2016 Technology Levy. If

any student in any grade is still in need of a computer, Everett Public Schools is preparing the next set for distribution and will communicate to families once the date is set.

The district is also providing [free meals](#) for students and [student engagement materials](#) that include resources aligned to each grade level, standards-based content areas and support for special programs. Students and their families can select materials to explore and learn from while students are at home. A planning template is also available for preschool through elementary.

As a reminder, we are posting updates on our website every day, including locations for student meals and other resources, at [www.everettsd.org/](http://www.everettsd.org/).

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Proud student at Jackson High School picking up his device for learning at home.