

## **July 24, 2020 Washington GT Elementary School Messenger**

Dear Families,

I have been working with teacher teams to design teaching structures for our students as we get updated information about “**Plan B transition**” reopening. As you have heard, all students will start the year online. I will communicate in more detail the week of August 3rd what those teaching and learning structures will look like at Washington.

### **Virtual Academy Window will reopen for 3 days**

- The application window will reopen July 27th at 12:01 am and will remain open through July 29th at 5:00 pm for families who have not yet signed up and wish to enroll.
- If already enrolled and wishing to change your status (unenroll; move from fall semester only to full year; or move from full year to fall semester only) families should notify your child’s school. Please email Washington’s data manager, Danielle Webb, at [dwebb2@wcpss.net](mailto:dwebb2@wcpss.net) between 7/27 and 7/29 to request any changes. She will confirm your change request by email starting July 30th.

### **Please Complete Technology Needs Survey by July 29**

As we prepare to return to school in an online environment, every K-12 student will need a laptop and Internet access in order to complete assignments, participate in instruction, and collaborate and learn with others.

WCPSS is asking **all** families with a student in grades K-12 to [complete this survey](#) for each student, regardless of your school, whether you have applied to the Virtual Academy and noted or not that you need/don’t need a device, or whether you have a device or whether you need a device. (Pre-K students’ technology will be addressed separately by the Office of Early Learning.) This short survey will help us better understand the needs of our students and make sure that we are able to meet those needs.

Although the district intends to provide a device for every student in the future, some families may choose to provide their own laptop at this time. If you choose to purchase and/or provide a laptop for your child, we recommend an up-to-date Chromebook, Windows 10, or Apple (laptop only). Mobile devices, such as phones and tablets, typically cannot provide an adequate experience for online learning.

Please complete this survey no later than midnight on Wednesday, July 29.

**Sincerely,  
Mr. Grant**

