



## SLPS LAPTOP DEPLOYMENT Phase I: March 25, 2020

SLPS is preparing for distance learning by distributing laptops to families that meet the following criteria:

- The family completed the Digital Readiness Survey
- AND
- There is not at least one digital device in their home
- AND
- The student(s) are receiving free or reduced lunch at school

**Families who will receive a laptop in Phase I, will be contacted on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> through a School Messenger phone call with the time and location for laptop pick up.**



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- Families will be checked out one laptop for all students in the house to use. Parents must bring an official ID to check out the laptop.
- Do NOT show up to pick up a laptop if you are not contacted on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> by a School Messenger call.
- We will be deploying 4,500 laptops on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Those combined with the nearly 4,000 laptops already in the hands of Port St. Lucie High School and Ft. Pierce Westwood Academy students through their 1:1 digital device initiative, represents a large percentage of families in St. Lucie Public Schools.
- SLPS is committed to working to meet the needs of our families and we thank you in advance for your patience, cooperation and understanding.
- Phase II of laptop deployment will happen later in the week and will allow for even more families to check out a laptop.



## FREE WIFI FOR FAMILIES

Comcast has taken steps to implement the following new policies for the next 60 days:

- Xfinity WiFi Free For Everyone: Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country will be available to anyone who needs them for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit [www.xfinity.com/wifi](http://www.xfinity.com/wifi). Once at a hotspot, consumers should select the “xfinitywifi” network name in the list of available hotspots and then launch a browser.
- Internet Essentials Free to New Customers: New customers will receive 60 days of complimentary Internet Essentials service, which is normally available to all qualified low-income households for \$9.95/month. Additionally, for all new and existing Internet Essentials customers, the speed of the program’s Internet service has been increased to 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream. That increase will go into effect for no additional fee and it will become the new base speed for the program going forward. Learn more at [www.internetessentials.com](http://www.internetessentials.com)