



April 9, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian of St. Catharines Secondary School:

The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) is happy to be able to support at home learning by loaning to you DSBN owned technology to help support your student's continued learning during the period of ongoing school closure.

It was important to get the technology into homes as quickly as possible. We think it is also important that everyone understands the conditions of the loan so that there's no confusion when schools re-open. Please note the following:

- The technology belongs to the DSBN and will be returned at the end of the school closure or when requested by the school.
- We ask that only our students use the technology and only for education purposes.
- The technology needs to be cared for and returned in the same condition as received. If the technology is damaged, lost or stolen, please contact the Principal.
- Each device has a recorded serial number dedicated to the student.

During the time that your student is using the DSBN technology, DSBN Policy D1 – Digital Use of Technology by Students (<http://policy.dsbni.org/D-01>) is still in effect. Families should discuss the importance of being safe, responsible, and respectful online.

As these devices will be used on home networks, it is the responsibility of parents to monitor internet activity as the usual restrictions in place through the DSBN network will not apply at home. However, it's important for students to know that the DSBN has the ability to monitor the DSBN technology usage to ensure compliance with DSBN policies. As a result, you should have a limited expectation of data privacy while using the DSBN technology.

We are excited to start the online learning with your student as your student's continued success at school remains our priority. Please feel free to reach out to me at [Johanna.provost@dsbn.org](mailto:Johanna.provost@dsbn.org) with any questions or technical issues you may have.

Sincerely,

Johanna Provost  
School Principal