



2020-21 School Year Planning

Division staff continue to work through planning for the start of the 2020-21 school year. The family and employee surveys closed last night with more than 12,000 combined responses. We would like to thank everyone who took time to respond. Our next steps include staff reviewing the data and feedback collected and meetings with various division advisory groups.

Additionally, the required Health Plan has been submitted and accepted by the state. This will allow us to begin opening the buildings and campuses for use. Division staff are working with the athletic directors to finalize plans and measures needed to safely begin off-season conditioning opportunities, as allowed by the VHSL beginning July 15. We anticipate sharing specific information in the coming days. It is important to remember that, at this time, the Virginia High School League (VHSL) has not made any recommendations or decisions regarding fall athletics.

1:1 Technology Program

As we have shared previously, the County School Board and the York County Board of Supervisors approved funding to launch a 1:1 Technology Program for all students in grades K-12. Research demonstrates that, when strategically integrated into daily instruction, technology is a proven tool to increase student engagement, promote critical thinking and extend learning beyond the classroom walls.

A committee of division staff identified the device models that will be issued to all participating students, based on the student’s grade level, beginning with the 2020-21 school year. Teachers will integrate use of these devices as part of their regular classroom instruction and for student work completed at home.

Additional information regarding the 1:1 Technology Program, and upcoming opportunities for families to purchase their own devices at reduced costs, is available on the division [website](#).

Grafton Complex Status

Crews are making more progress on restoration and construction work at the Complex. In the last week, various electrical and HVAC units, such as elevators and the rooftop cooling towers, have been tested and are operational. On the high school side, the computer server room is functioning and most electrical outlets are working. The Complex’s parking lot lights are also fully functioning now. At this time, work remains on track to be completed in August.

Also, a recording of the School Board’s special meeting this week to approve specific procurements is now available [online](#).

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