



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

To: **All Employees**

Date: December 21, 2021

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Superintendent of Schools

Instructions:

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Subject: **Portable Devices, Winter
Break**

Colleagues,

As I have reiterated throughout this school year, our goal is to continue in-person instruction through June 22, 2022, the last scheduled day of classes for students. Our focus and our conversations have been solely on that goal. **We have no plans at this time to convert to virtual instruction and will do so only as a last resort.**

With that said, we have to be cognizant of the fact that the Omicron variant has resulted in an increased number of cases across our county, state, and region. We are seeing more students and staff members directly impacted by cases each day and for them, the ability to learn or work remotely is essential. Additionally, the case rate increase and the potential – as is the case every year – for inclement winter weather bring with them unpredictability, and we must be prepared to adjust as needed.

To that end, all employees with portable devices should take them home on a daily basis and ensure that they are plugged in, charged, and ready to go should the need for remote work of any kind become necessary. Technology Support Techs have been given a list of Unit I classroom teachers that do not currently have a device assigned to them. If you are a Unit I classroom teacher, do not have a device assigned to you, and have not yet been contacted by your Support Tech, please reach out to them about getting a device to take home with you when you leave for winter break so that it will be ready and available if needed in January.

I remain incredibly proud of the work every member of our team has done for the last 21 months. This has not been an easy journey, and I respect greatly the lengths to which you have gone to help our children.

Thank you. Please have a safe and restful break.

GA/bm