

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents; Technology Directors

FROM: Jess DeCarolis, Student Pathways Division Director

SUBJECT: AOE Annual Technology Survey for 2020-2021 School Year

DATE: July 21, 2020

Purpose

The <u>Annual Technology Survey</u> will be administered to all Vermont Supervisory Unions and Districts (SU/SDs) in July and will be due back September 15, 2020. Historically, the data collected has played a vital role in keeping the Agency of Education (AOE) and other public entities informed of the status of school-based education technology and accessibility across the state. As a result of COVID-19, having complete information on school-based technology and accessibility is more important than ever, and will support critical cross-agency discussions and state-level initiatives.

Introduction

Starting this year, an SU/SD representative can complete data for multiple schools in one form. In order to support SU/SDs and schools with a strong and healthy start to the new school year and in maintaining Continuity of Learning throughout the year, this survey includes several questions around in-person and remote learning across three main topic areas: (1) Internet access (2) one-to-one computing, and (3) cloud-based storage. In addition, there are some questions related to education technology integration, professional development, and student-centered learning.

Completing the Survey

The AOE requests that SUs/SDs provide the information requested to the best of their ability and as completely as possible. This information is used by the AOE to update, inform and advise state and local policymakers, and it is regularly referenced in both state and national press regarding Vermont's status around education technology. The Annual Technology Survey should be completed by September 15, 2020. The data collected will inform the annual report, which is made public on the AOE website.

If you have questions about the Annual Technology Survey, or need assistance in accessing or completing the survey, please contact Greg Young, Student Pathways Division, at greg.young@vermont.gov. or Jess DeCarolis, Student Pathways Division, at jess.decarolis@vermont.gov.