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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DEPLOYS MORE THAN 1,000 DEVICES TO ENABLE STUDENTS TO CONNECT TO DISTANCE LEARNING

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board has deployed more than 1,000 Chromebooks and Special Education devices to help get students connected during at-home distance learning, in the wake of school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The devices were deployed at 14 school locations across the St. Clair district earlier today. The distribution plan was approved by the Medical Officers of Health for Chatham-Kent and Lambton, and included a self-assessment for anyone attending the deployment sites, along with a distribution protocol designed to safeguard the health of staff and families attending the schools to collect the devices.

“I want to thank our Board staff for their tremendous work in developing and completing this major operation in relatively short order,” says Deb Crawford, Director of Education. “This deployment ensures that our students who did not previously have access to devices in the home will be able to participate fully in teacher-led distance learning, which began on Monday.”

The Board is now developing a plan to assist students and families who do not currently have access to the internet through home wifi.

“It is important through this unprecedented time that every family is supported so that all students can continue to learn despite the school closures,” says Mrs. Crawford.