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FOUNDATION LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO FILL TECHNOLOGY GAP FOR WORCESTER STUDENTS

Worcester Public Schools Superintendent, Maureen Binienda, has identified technology – particularly Chromebooks for students – as a primary area of need during the shift to remote learning during the global pandemic. The district has been working hard to meet the needs of both students and teachers during the transition from Extended Learning to Remote Learning. District staff is currently surveying all WPS families regarding the availability of devices in the home and connectivity to an internet source.

Worcester Educational Development Foundation (WEDF) is launching the Connected Kids campaign to raise funds for the Chromebooks needed to ensure equitable access to learning opportunities for Worcester's students. Louise Clarke, Executive Director of WEDF has stated, "WEDF is proud of the district's response to COVID-19. The importance of technology has been highlighted for many of us in recent weeks, and we are pleased to support student access to these now indispensable resources."

Donations will be restricted to the purchase of Chromebooks and may be sent to: WEDF, Attn: Connected Kids Campaign, Suite 224, 210 Park Avenue, Worcester, MA 01609, or made online at: wedfwps.org. All support is most appreciated.

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