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The Ichabod Crane faculty, staff and administration worked in collaboration last week to prepare for the likelihood of the district canceling classes. One step was to survey our students to determine if they had a device (Computer/Chromebook) and Internet connectivity to be able to connect to digital district resources (ie Google Classroom).

Academic materials in the form of pencil and paper materials for all students in grades K-12 have been prepared and will be distributed on Monday, March 16. For students in grades 9-12, teaching staff have the option to utilize Google Classroom and other online resources. ICC will be providing a limited number of Chromebooks for **high school students** to borrow who do not have a device to utilize. We will also be providing a limited number of Internet MiFi cards from T-Mobile for families in Grades 9-12 that indicated that they do not have an Internet connection. We will be contacting those families who specified that they need a device or Internet access by Friday, March 20 to arrange for pick up.

Spectrum cable is offering **free Internet connectivity** for up to 60 days. Parents/Guardians can **call 1-844-488-8395** to enroll on Monday, March 16. Installation fees are also being waived. Please note - This is a contract between you and Spectrum, the district is not responsible for any costs, support or installation of the Spectrum service.

We will also be sharing a variety of resources for parent-guided and self-guided learning for students. This is especially helpful for younger grade levels. The following is a partial list of sites that we recommend. Please check back on our website as this list will be updated as new resources become available:

- Gmail - For Q&A for teachers and student communication.
- Google Classroom
- Google Hangouts - Video Conferencing
- Khan Academy - <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- BrainPop - <https://www.brainpop.com/>
- Discovery Education - <https://www.discoveryeducation.com/>
- Nearpod - <https://nearpod.com/>
- Kahoot - <https://kahoot.com/>
- Model Schools has compiled **Resources for Online Learning**, which contains an ever-growing list of resources for teachers and students. Here is the link:
<https://www.smores.com/py5nz>