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Facebook Announces \$450,000 Covid-19 Relief Grant to Crook County Schools

Grant will enhance technology and remote learning for local students

Funding for public schools across Oregon is likely to take a major hit due to the looming Covid-19 pandemic. That's why Facebook's generous Covid-19 relief grant of \$450,000 comes at a perfect time.

Despite the challenges of the current crisis, the Crook County School District sees an opportunity to be creative and innovative as the new Learning @ Home model is driving CCSD to utilize technology in new ways to serve local students through the end of this school year and beyond.

"Technology is rapidly changing the way we provide education at all grade levels, and we need to prepare for the future," explains Superintendent Dr. Sara Johnson. "This grant from Facebook allows us to make significant investments in new tools so we can serve both students inside the traditional classroom and our families who might want to choose online learning long term."

"We are honored to partner with Crook County School District to support students and families in Prineville during the COVID-19 pandemic. We understand that the situation presents new challenges for both students and educators; however, we hope that this partnership will help students continue their education and learning remotely," said William Marks, Community Development Regional Manager, Facebook.

The grant, which supported the purchase of 255 laptops in March, will buy more Chromebooks, iPads, licenses for online curriculum, video technology in the classroom, Wi-Fi access, and invest in Career & Technical Education programs. Technology improvements will allow CCSD to respond to what school leaders are calling the "new normal" even after the virus is behind us.

"Technology makes it possible for a more robust educational experience that serves the needs of all families in Crook County, and this district is committed to being an innovative leader in the way we deliver education," said School Board Chair Scott Cooper.

Facebook's grant allows a personalized approach to distance education because students engaged in Learning @ Home can still meet with local teachers, access buildings and computers, and enjoy other programs like music, arts, and sports. CCSD plans to grow its alternative education options starting this fall.

Facebook has been part of the Prineville community since breaking ground on their data center in 2010. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/PrinevilleDataCenter/.

About Crook County School District

Crook County School District is a thriving, rural, growing district in Central Oregon, serving more than 3,000 students from all across Crook County. It is an organization with integrity, a model for educational success, and a recognized leader for excellence in helping students dream, learn, and succeed.

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