

Education Department

Educational Support Services Initiative – Laptop/iPad

Outline: Once a year starting in February, NNDFN will do a callout for devices for children/youths. Parents/Guardians are then expected to hand in the required documentation to the Education Department. Over the summer, NNDFN will let parents know they can purchase or pickup their devices for the next school year. In future, as the number of devices needed dwindles, this callout can be made to be year-round, on a needs-based basis.

Purpose: Each NND registered citizen who is a youth and/or student (including post-secondary) will receive a laptop (or iPad if in Kindergarten) to help with online learning that has been on and off during the pandemic and continues to be an on-going issue.

Background: around 30 laptops (some iPads) were distributed to students at JV Clark School in 2020. Youth outside of Mayo have expressed that they are also in need of laptops. Post-Secondary students have also expressed the need for laptops.

Funding: For students aged 0 to 19, funding will come from FNI Department of Education. For older students, this will come from NND funds. Both line items will fall under the Educational Support Services. Please refer to attached Excel sheet to see how many students have applied.

Proposal: Students of all ages will need to produce proof of fulltime enrollment in an academic institution with their request for an electronic device. They will then be eligible to either be sent* a laptop valued at \$675 or purchase their own laptop, send the receipt, and receive an \$700 reimbursement. Kindergarten aged children will be sent* an iPad valued at \$450 or purchase their own iPad, send the receipt, and receive an \$475 reimbursement.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a registered NNDFN citizen;
- Applicants must be enrolled in fulltime formal education at any level from kindergarten to post-secondary, OR taking courses through an accredited institution, AND must be actively attending;
- Education programs attended must be of no less than one year in duration (either online, remotely, or on-site learning);
- Applications cannot have received prior laptops or iPads from the NNDFN Education Department through this initiative (within the last 5 years).

**sent indicates that the youth and/or student will be mailed a laptop/iPad straight from the company that was purchased by NND.*

Request from Managers/Council Members: To receive feedback on process and foreseeable issues with distribution – None was given.