March 4, 2024

TO: All Prison Staff

All Incarcerated Individuals

All Family Members of Incarcerated

State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

FROM: Danielle Armbruster, Assistant Secretary – Reentry Division

SUBJECT: Update - Education services laptops

Last week we shared with you that we were retrieving education laptops from students within Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities to perform software updates. Due to an external security breach our vendor alerted us to and out of an abundance of caution, we collected all laptops.

Given the longer-than-expected timeline for a system update from the vendor, we have decided to upgrade our laptop inventory to newer Securebook 6 models. These laptops are expected to be delivered in the next few weeks as we work to expedite this order.

In the meantime, we will provide students the opportunity to back up any saved documents that are not already uploaded in Canvas from their laptops. We will also provide expanded access to desktop computers for students to continue assignments while waiting for their new laptops.

DOC is working closely with the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and education partners to ensure students are able to complete Winter Quarter assignments.

Thank you for your patience. We will continue to communicate with you as there is more information available.