

Trenton Public Schools, NJ Routing Chromebooks to Students



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Trenton Public Schools is delivering 1,500 Chromebooks this week and then another 3,500 after their spring break.

The Board of Education sent Ed Treadaway, Manager of Transportation Operations at Trenton Public Schools in Trenton, NJ the names of the 1,500 to be delivered. He created an Emergency Route Database, and built a school called Chromebook. He exported the names he received so he could import them in his system and began making stops.

Trenton is an urban area, so Ed was able to look at his masses of students and create stops, most often in the center of each one. Although Ed makes it sound easy, "laptops are harder to route than routes". His buses snake through roads, driving all the way up one, taking a left, and then driving down the next and so forth. On the Main Streets that are too busy to cross he had to create door-to-door stops.

Robo calls were sent to parents letting them know of the days and times for drop-offs, and as drivers are getting closer to their stops, they make a phone call to parents letting them know. In the communities that are Spanish speaking they can call Ed's assistant who is fluent to help with communication.

There are a total of 18 buses delivering 80-100 Chromebooks over 2 days. Each bus has a driver and security guard. The security guard helps keep distancing, security of the laptops on board, and managing the sign off to parents. At each stop there is an average of 5 parents picking up. The security guard has a list to manage who they are and the serial numbers of the Chrome books. There are 2 contacts to be signed, one for the school and one for the parent to keep, and each parent must show identification.