



## Media Advisory

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### **EBRPHA, EBR Schools to Distribute Virtual Learning ‘Tech Ready’ Tools on Sat. Aug. 22 Hotspot Devices and Computer Accessories to Be Distributed at Capital Square**

**Background:** East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority (EBRPHA) is partnering with the East Baton Rouge Parish School System to provide tech tools for virtual learning for the families of 700 children who lack digital devices and access or have limited access to internet connections necessary for on-line learning.

**Details:** Officials with both organizations will be at “Capital Square”, an EBRPHA community at 700 N 17<sup>th</sup> Street on Saturday, August 22, at 2 PM to present new hotspots for students provided by EBR Schools. EBRPHA also utilized COVID CARES Act funds to purchase computer bags, headsets, mouse and mouse pads and will distribute these virtual learning tools as well.

**Additional Information:** EBRPHA employees conducted a door-to-door campaign to assess device and broadband needs. EBR Schools worked closely with EBRPHA and allowed Housing Authority officials to receive Chromebooks, tablets and hotspots and distribute them to its residents to assure efficient delivery and address transportation challenges.

**More Details:** A press release with additional details on the collaborative efforts is attached. EBRPHA staff will assist with photo opportunities.

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