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PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS **HAVE PURCHASED ADDITIONAL MiFis FOR STUDENTS**

To Assist with Connectivity for Continued Remote Learning

Plainfield, NJ – December 23, 2020 – The Plainfield Board of Education has approved the purchase of an additional 325 MiFis to assist students without Internet connectivity. The District will utilize funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to support the purchase. The federal CARES Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020; funding was provided to schools to address the disruption and closure of schools caused by the Pandemic. The MiFis have arrived and will be available for distribution on January 4 for families who have made the request.

“Thank you to the Board of Education for continuing to ensure our families have the resources they need to continue learning; I am positive our families are sincerely appreciative as many have lost employment and other resources during the Pandemic, said Dr. Diana Mitchell, Superintendent of Schools.

MiFis are mobile hotspots for personal use. The devices are wireless boxes, similar to a cable box, that convert a cellular signal into a Wi-Fi network (e.g., MiFi). The MiFis maybe connected to up to ten devices for those families with multiple children.

With the MiFis, students are able to:

- Fully participate in school and remote learning;
- Download, complete, and upload assignments;
- Utilize the Internet as Tool for Basic web browsing;
- Sending and receiving emails; and
- Participate in live video calls.

With this new shipment, the District will have purchased a total of over 1,200 devices. School principals will distribute the devices according to the requests they have received from students.

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