NEW! Donate a Used Laptop Computer to Berkeley Unified School District

Thank you for considering donating a laptop to BUSD during these difficult times. A tech-savvy team of Berkeley Schools Volunteers is working in close partnership with BUSD’s tech team during this crisis to wipe down donated systems and refurbish them to BUSD specifications. Laptop donations will go to BUSD employees who do not have a computer at home sufficient to do their job during the current shelter-in-place order, either teachers or district staff.

To ensure that your laptop will be useful to BUSD employees, please first run the following checks:

1. Memory:
   - On Windows, to see how much memory your computer has, start the "Settings" app and type "View RAM info" into the search field, and check what is listed under "Installed RAM" (see screenshot below). **We welcome donations of computers with at least 8GB of RAM**, less than that will not be enough to run the district software.
     
     ![Device specifications](image)

     - On a Mac, please follow these instructions on how to find the amount of memory.

2. Operating System
   - On windows, start the "System Information" app, which has the operating system version as the first entry ("OS Name"). If the OS Name is Windows 10, we can use the laptop.

   ![System Information](image)

   - On a Mac, please follow these instructions to determine the MacOS version. BUSD can use Macs with OS between 10.7 and 10.14 (**not** Catalina, sorry).

Please place your laptop in a sealed, paper bag labeled with your name and the date of drop-off. The drop-off date is essential to ensure the safety of our volunteers.

Please leave the bag on the porch at 2310 Browning St.

Questions?

- Computer Questions, email volunteer Kester Allen, kester@gmail.com
- Drop-off Questions, email volunteer Ben Gardella, bgardella@gmail.com