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Dear NSCSD Parents and Guardians,

Beginning Nov. 1, you will be asked to fill out a student digital equity survey when logging into SchoolTool. Parents/guardians will be asked to complete one survey for each child prior to Nov. 19.

The survey is mandated by the New York State Education Department (NYSED), who will use the information collected to promote educational equality concerning digital access.

NYSED states, "Identifying student digital equity, is essential for understanding, investigating, and promoting educational equity. Student home access to the Internet has become fundamental for schools across the nation as they plan strategies for continuous learning. To better serve students, families, and educators, it is imperative for the New York State Education Department (NYSED) to have access to data as reported by BOCES, public school districts and charter schools, and maintain an accurate and complete picture of the state of digital equity for each individual student, grades Kindergarten through 12, to provide confidence in understanding the true levels of a student's access to the Internet as well as the devices they use."

[For survey assistance, please refer to the help document by clicking here.](#)

Thank you,

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