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D.C. Mayor Delivers a $4.6 Million Tech Investment for new Devices to Students

WASHINGTON — This week, Mayor Muriel Bowser and DC Public Schools (DCPS) began delivering more than 16,400 technology devices to students across all eight wards as a part of the Empowered Learner's Initiative (ELi). The initiative is a comprehensive three-year commitment by Mayor Bowser to close the digital divide and empower DCPS students through access to state-of-the-art technology.

New devices will stay in the classroom so teachers can continue to use the technology to enhance their instruction. Families can expect to see their third grade students using the devices to apply the math skills they learn to control Sphero robots and teachers can provide personalized strategies to meet every student’s individual needs through both in-person and digital instruction.

Next fiscal year, the Mayor plans to make another multi-million dollar tech investment to provide devices for students in grades 4, 7, and 10.

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