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SCHUPAN ASSET MANAGEMENT TO DONATE CHROMEBOOKS TO AREA STUDENTS

Recent study-from-home policies prohibit many students access to education

Kalamazoo, MI, March 23, 2020 – Schupan Asset Management, the electronics recycling and asset disposition division of Schupan & Sons, Inc., has donated refurbished Chromebook laptops to Kalamazoo Public Schools and Kalamazoo Covenant Academy. This donation stems from study-from-home policies recently resulting from the COVID-19 virus prevention measures being taken at the state and local levels. Governor Whitmer ordered the closure of all K-12 schools in Michigan on March 16th.

“The Kalamazoo Covenant Academy exists to help at-risk students receive an education that will prepare them for successful lives,” Jamie San Miguel, School Leader at Kalamazoo Covenant Academy said. “We’ve been scrambling, trying to figure out how to get something to our students so they don’t fall behind any more than they have already. We have several graduating seniors who don’t have a tech device and were concerned about completing their coursework. These devices will allow them to continue their studies from home.”

On Monday, March 23rd, Kalamazoo Public Schools distributed the Chromebooks to its high school seniors via drive-through. These devices are for the senior students to keep and use for their online studies.

Cory Pyscher, Vice President of Schupan Asset Management, said of the donation program, “In times like these, it isn't about making a profit; it's about doing the right thing. We have the next 50 years to make a profit. Right now, our community needs us. We are committed to doing what we can to ensure the next generation has what they need to reduce the impact the virus is having on education. While the Chromebooks are theirs to keep, we encourage them to recycle responsibly when they are finished using them.”

Every functional Chromebook in Schupan’s inventory is slated for donation, with total donations numbering between 300-1000 devices.

Pyscher further encourages other trade organizations to do similar: “If you participate in any public school recycling program, chances are you have Chromebooks in your warehouse. I challenge you to do the same and donate them back into your local communities. Let's step up as an industry and make a positive impact on our country. Bear in mind, a proper recycling plan should be established prior to distribution to make sure the community has a way to turn the devices back in once they are done using them.”

About Schupan & Sons, Inc.

Schupan & Sons, Inc., is a third generation, family-owned metals and plastics business specializing in industrial and electronics recycling, asset management, fabrication and distribution, beverage container processing, and materials trading with fifteen facilities throughout Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. It was incorporated in 1968 by Nelson L. Schupan.

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