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Dear Program Delivery Partners,

LEGO® Education released its new app, LEGO® MINDSTORMS® Education EV3 Classroom, for MacOS in November 2019. This release was a response to a compatibility issue related to EV3 Lab software and Apple's release of its Catalina operating system. The development of the new EV3 Classroom app is also an opportunity for users to program their EV3 Brick with coding based on Scratch and have a consistent experience, features and content across all supported devices and operating systems. EV3 Classroom app versions for Windows 10 and Android are due to be released later this year in September 2020 with the version for Chromebook coming in October and the iOS version of the app available in November 2020.

While this new release date is later than originally planned, this timeline allows the EV3 Classroom app to deliver the quality experience that teachers and students expect from LEGO Education. When EV3 Classroom app launches for the remaining operating systems, all versions will be complete with all units and all 16 languages. As a result of this delay, the timing for exiting the current EV3 Lab software and EV3 Programmer app has been delayed. Originally scheduled for August 2020, this has now been postponed to December 2020, when these two programs will no longer be available in app stores, but the EV3 Lab installer for Windows will continue to be available to download within LEGO Education's retired products page.

August 4th marks the start of the 2020 *FIRST*® LEGO® League season. Teams choosing to start their season early may find it helpful to focus on starting their research project and establishing their strategy in order to build a strong foundation and adequately prepare to develop and build their innovative solution. By prioritizing their season in this way, teams will then be able to introduce the EV3 Classroom app as their programming tool in September 2020, when the app will be available for Windows and Android or in October for Chrome and in November 2020 for iOS across all operating systems.

For teams that start their season with EV3 Lab and decide to change to EV3 Classroom app when it is released, please note that programs cannot be transferred.

Best Regards,

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