

## FLLAC Collaborative offers Tele-presence Learning



The FLLAC Educational Collaborative is excited to announce the availability of “robots” to support “tele-presence learning”. Tele-presence learning is designed to provide students who cannot attend school an opportunity to be “present” in school and to move around the building with their classmates.

Tele-presence robots can be controlled from the student’s home, hospital, road trip or other non-school location. They are ideal for student who may be too ill to attend school but want to remain “part of the class”. The robots can be configured to work with smart phones, i-pads, laptops or desktop computers. They do require an Internet connection and some initial configuration on the part of the school district/building. After initial set up the robots are easy to use and most students/families are able to learn to control the equipment fairly quickly.

FLLAC has developed protocols, guides and other resources for two models we currently use, Vgos and BEAMS. We can provide guidance to district technology staff to make the initial connections, guidelines for teachers on how to introduce and use the robots and information and technical support connections for families and school staff.

FLLAC is offering this service on a short to mid-term (3-6 months) rental basis designed to help district determine if there is a need for the district to purchase a device of their own. For more information on this service please contact Richard Murphy at [rmurphy@fllac.net](mailto:rmurphy@fllac.net) or 978-425-0310.

