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Dear Parents and Guardians:

You may be aware of a recent viral internet scare. Therefore, as a District, we would like to share some important reminders for parents/guardians as we work together to protect the online safety of our children.

Regardless of age, our students need frequent reminders about responsible and safe internet use. Please review the following important reminders with your child:


- Students should not interact (online or in person) with strangers, and if a stranger attempts to contact them, an adult should be notified immediately
- If someone online threatens to hurt them, hurt themselves, or hurt others, an adult should be notified immediately
- Passwords must be kept safe and shared only with parents and guardians
- Personal information, such as name, address and current or future locations should never be included in any online communication

Additionally, please be sure to speak with your children about internet and social media use openly, on a regular basis and monitor the sites, games and apps your child is visiting. Using and reviewing privacy settings and parental controls to restrict what your child can view, who can contact your child and who your child can contact are critical elements of online safety. You may also want to review location services and restrict the applications that request to “turn on” location services.

For detailed information on this specific internet scare and guidance on how to address it with your children please visit: [Sick Momo Challenge: What Parents Need to Know](#) or [Don't Panic, What Parents Really Need To Know About 'Momo Challenge'](#)

The internet is a vast resource that is undoubtedly an integral part of our students' lives. We should continue to encourage and support positive, responsible internet and social media use for school work as well as for enjoyment. Engaging in ongoing dialogue with your child about social media and other technology use will help ensure these platforms have a positive impact on our students.

Respectfully,


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