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Spaulding High School
Spaulding Educational Alternatives (SEA)
Barre City Elementary and Middle School
Barre Town Middle and Elementary School

Technology & Student Media Use Opt-Out Option

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Barre Unified Union School District provides access to computers and the Internet to support learning and enhance instruction. By providing access to the Internet, the BUUSD promotes educational excellence and prepares students for an increasingly technological world. This use facilitates resource sharing, research, innovation, and communication. These technology resources have become an integral part of the curricular experience at our schools. Included in this curricular experience is the use of still photography or videography for the purpose of highlighting student achievements or chronicling classroom/school activities. Those images may be used in informational newsletters, school brochures, class pictures, yearbooks, and other printed material published by the Barre Unified Union School District, its schools, and those acting under its permission. It is possible that those images might be used on school or district websites and social media. Occasionally, photos are also submitted to the news media for publication. Faculty and staff provide guidance and direction on the appropriate use of the Internet and technology resources. In accordance with the federal Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the BUUSD uses filters to block access to web content that is inappropriate.

School computers and network use may only be used in a manner consistent with the BUUSD's Responsible Computer, Network, and Internet Use Policy Code D3, available at your school's main office or on the BUUSD website at the following link: <https://www.buUSD.org/district/policiesprocedures>

If you wish to Opt-Out: Parents or guardians have the right to terminate their student's access to electronic tools and resources, and/or the restriction of the use of student media for publication, by completing the Technology & Student Media Use Opt-Out Form and delivering it to the school registrar. Exercising this right will not prevent the student from receiving computer-based instruction or taking assessments using a computer as part of the District's daily operations. The Computer Technology Opt-Out Form may be found on the BUUSD website or at the following link: [Technology & Student Media Opt-out Form](#).

The Opt-Out Form will remain in effect for one school year and expires at the end of the school year. A parent or guardian must complete a new Opt-Out Form each school year. If no documentation is on file, it will be assumed that permission has been granted for access to school computers, the Internet, Google Core Services, Google Add-on Services, other electronic educational resources, and the use of student media for publication.

Yours Sincerely,

Mike Martin, *Director of Technology*