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MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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GUIDING SAFE ONLINE BEHAVIOR

Dear MUSD Parents,

We understand how challenging it is to parent in the digital world. Thank you for monitoring your child's online activity. It can feel overwhelming, but it's critical for their safety. The impact of these interactions doesn't just stay online—there are serious real-world consequences, especially when it comes to disrupting the learning environment at school.

Under Arizona law (A.R.S. 13-2911), any disruption to the school environment, including threats made by students, can lead to legal action against those responsible, including parents. This could result in fines or even jail time.

Talking to your kids about their online behavior is more important than ever. These conversations matter –they help your children understand the seriousness of their actions and make good choices. Here are some resources to support these important discussions:

- Common Sense Media: Tips for safe and responsible internet use.
- <u>StopBullying.gov</u>: Strategies for positive online interactions.
- Cyberbullying Research Center: Insights into preventing and addressing cyberbullying.

Let's work together to create a safer learning environment.

Sincerely, Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent Maricopa Unified School District

