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MISSION
In partnership with our families and community, we deliver a distinct educational edge and prepare all learners to be successful and contributing members who serve and lead in our global society.

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Parents/Guardians:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a powerful technology used increasingly in our society. It is transforming business and industry, culture, communications, and more through improved efficiency and innovative solutions to complex problems. But AI comes with concerns and challenges. As part of the USDD Mission Statement, we commit to "prepare all learners to be successful and contributing members who serve and lead in our global society." This includes providing students with information technology skills while building understanding of digital citizenship and rules around ethical use.

Currently, nearly all AI systems have Terms of Service agreements that only provide access to those 18 years of age or older. Terms of Service are designed to protect user data and comply with legal regulations. Since the vast majority of our students are not 18 years or older, students will not have direct access to AI tools on our network or while using school-issued devices until Terms of Service agreements include children who are younger than 18 and the district is confident regarding the protection of student data privacy. We continue to evaluate new AI tools and Terms of Service as this is a rapidly changing environment.

This year our educators will continue to learn about AI so they can demonstrate AI systems, engage students in discussions about its ethical implications, and promote critical thinking and responsible use of technology. Grades 5-6 Teachers have started using Magic School to provide writing feedback to students. We have been using a work-around to do this since currently students do not have access to Magic School. However, beginning January 12th, *students in grades 5th and 6th will be granted Magic School access, an AI generative tool, to better incorporate writing feedback into their own writing. Magic School has safety "gates" and does not feed the large language model of AI, meaning it does not take their information and use it outside of our Magic School use.*

We take responsibility to prepare our students for the evolving digital environment seriously. As a result, we have created ethical guidelines for students and staff that are linked here. We recognize that students may choose to use AI systems on their personal or home devices; therefore, the ethical guidelines were created with student learning and use in mind. We will share these guidelines with students in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our approach to teaching AI ethics, please do not hesitate to reach out to us, or to your child's school principal. We value your partnership in your child's education.

Sincerely,

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