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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to serve as the district's annual privacy notice in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 3319.325-.327, as outlined in Ohio Senate Bill 29 (SB29).

SB29 requires all schools in Ohio to provide notice to parents and caregivers regarding the protective monitoring of school-owned devices. In alignment with this requirement, we want to inform you about how our district monitors and safeguards the use of these devices.

The Elida Local Schools uses software programs such as Carbon Black and Lightspeed Systems to monitor the use of school-issued devices. This monitoring includes tracking student interactions with these devices, including web-browsing activity. The purpose of this monitoring is strictly for non-commercial educational reasons, including: instruction and classroom management, providing technical support, and proctoring online exams.

Additionally, the district monitors device internet traffic to comply with the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA), which is necessary for receiving E-Rate federal funding. This monitoring and filtering helps us to maintain a secure online environment for students while ensuring access to internet services.

Our filtering systems can also detect specific language that may indicate potential risks, such as threats against others and/or school safety, or expressions of self-harm. This allows us to take timely action to support the well-being of our students.

Thank you for your continued support in creating a safe and enriching educational experience for our students.

Sincerely,

Joel Mengerink
Superintendent