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Dear MTSD School Community,

As technological advances continue to reshape the educational landscape, our district remains dedicated to fostering an environment that balances meaningful innovation with academic integrity, developmental appropriateness, and digital safety. We are writing to share our multi-phase strategy for developing and finalizing our comprehensive District Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Plan over the course of the 2026–2027 school year.

Our goal is to approach the integration of emerging technologies thoughtfully, transparently, and in close partnership with educators, students, parents, and community members.

Current Practice & Academic Guardrails (2026–2027)

As we work toward a finalized long-term framework, clear guardrails remain in place across all grade levels for the remainder of the 2026–2027 school year:

- Elementary & Middle Schools (PK–8): There is no student use of prompt-based generative AI permitted. Our foundational academic focus remains on core skill development, critical thinking, and essential literacy without the assistance of automated generative tools.
- Montgomery High School (MHS): High school students operate under established **Course Expectations and Academic Integrity Guidelines**, alongside our designated **AI Use Scale**. High school coursework explicitly details where, when, and how generative AI tools may be permissibly incorporated into instruction or assignments.

Strategic Roadmap & Timeline

We are taking a deliberate, structured approach throughout the 2026–2027 academic year to draft, refine, and implement our official district-wide AI Policy.

Phase & Timeline	Strategic Actions & Milestones
Phase 1 Fall 2026 – Winter 2027	Convene two structured working sessions with a district-wide staff AI Task Force, formed in collaboration with department supervisors to ensure comprehensive representation across grade levels, specialist areas, and core content disciplines.
Phase 2 Spring 2027	Present the draft AI plan to parents alongside a district-wide survey. Parent volunteers will be invited to join a dedicated committee to review feedback and formulate recommendations. A randomized selection process across distinct parent bands will be utilized to ensure a diverse, representative cohort.
Phase 3 Spring 2027	Synthesize feedback from staff, parents, and committee members to finalize the strategic AI Plan and present the official AI Policy to the Board of Education for formal review and approval.
Phase 4 September 2027	Execute full district implementation for the 2027–2028 school year, including required student and parent acknowledgments of the finalized AI Plan within Genesis prior to the start of classes.

Next Steps for Community Engagement

Community engagement is essential to creating a policy that reflects our shared values and high academic standards. As we approach Spring 2027, you will receive further details regarding the parent feedback survey and information on how to express interest in joining the evaluation committee.

We appreciate your continued partnership as we navigate this evolving landscape together to support and protect our students.

Sincerely,

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