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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

As a district, we continually assess our current practices and student needs to guide our decision making. Through this process of continual improvement, we have made strategic changes and updates to the technology devices and management tools available to students. We know that by harnessing the power of digital tools we are able to better meet the personalized learning needs of all students.

Therefore, we have some exciting updates to share regarding our updated technology devices and security measures. First, our district has upgraded to using the Securly web filter. This new cloud-based web filter allows for improved monitoring and aligns with our district Google Suite for Education domain and Chromebook initiatives. As all students in 2nd - 8th grade receive a district owned foxbay.org Google Suite for Education account, it is important to note that students accessing their foxbay.org account outside of school will continue to be monitored through the Securly web filter. All students and staff must ensure that they are only using their foxbay.org Google Suite for Education account for school related activities and must keep all personal content on a separate account outside of our school domain.

Hapara Highlights, a learning management tool, is another digital service we are happy to provide to our students and staff. After conducting our annual survey of students' and staff, it was clear that through the changing needs of flexible learning environments and 1:1 devices, our students and teachers needed additional management tools to focus learning. Hapara Highlights integrates with our students Google Suite for Education accounts and Google Classroom, providing teachers and students with clear pathways to view, access, and focus student learning. Teachers are able to communicate with students, push out messages, and focus browsing using the Hapara Highlights tools. This additional functionality is invaluable to harnessing the power of digital tools to increase student learning.

Finally, as a result of our strategic planning process, our district now offers 1:1 devices in-school for all students in 1st - 8th grade. Additionally, Bayside Middle School has a limited number of Chromebooks and Kajeet mobile hotspots that Bayside parents can request for home access. Please note that all devices are school managed and filtered through the Securly web filter, as well as specific data and device limits. The Kajeet and Chromebook can be checked out by trimester and are intended only to be used for school related usage. We offer these tools to students without home internet or devices to support their classroom learning and/or homework. If you are a parent interested in requesting home access to a device and/or Kajeet, please fill out the following form linked here or pick up a paper copy from the Bayside front office.

With these efforts, along with ongoing professional development, our students and teachers now have access to digital tools to support student learning, striving towards our district goal of "Elevating Everyone To Excellence." Please contact Amanda Orth with any questions regarding these updates.

Respectfully,

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