

Dear Bayside Parents/Guardians-

Our school district uses <u>Securly</u> as our internet filter to help keep students safe while using their school-issued Chromebooks. For the past four years, we have provided Bayside parents/guardians with access to their students web history through the Securly Home app/ parent portal (web).

Starting Monday, January 29, 2024, we are piloting additional parental controls through the Securly Home app. Currently, parents and guardians can view their students web history and flagged activity only. With this pilot, we will turn on the ability for parents to put additional restrictions with their student's school issued chromebook <u>while outside of school</u> <u>hours and location</u>. These features should be available to parent/guardians connected accounts by 1/29/24 end of day.

We are piloting the following additional features for <u>Bayside</u> parents/guardians:

- Set rules to restrict specific websites
  (set to only can make more restrictive, not allowed to open up additional categories/ sites)
- Pause the internet
- Set offline schedules

Securly provides a great overview of these tools, viewable on their Youtube link, as well as FAQs for getting started with these controls:

- Securly Home | Getting Started Guide for Parents
- <u>Securly Home App</u>- Frequently Asked Questions

If you missed the Securly Home information from this Fall, it's not too late to enroll! Please follow the instructions outlined in <u>Securly Parent App Directions- 2023-24</u> for more information on using the Home app as well as frequently asked questions.

Please direct any technical questions to Securly's support page, <u>Securly for Parents</u>, as our internal technical staff does not have access to support their application.

We will be looking to collect your feedback on the usefulness of these new features and if we want to integrate them long term. As this is a school issued device, we want to provide parents with tools to help support their home use for school related work and learning.

Sincerely,

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