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## Notice regarding Utilize Technology Platforms for Distance/Virtual Learning

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

As you know in response to the COVID-19 health crisis and any other health, weather or other related situations, we have the ability with permission from the Rhode Island Department of Education to provide Distance/Virtual learning. In order to facilitate some of our remote learning classes, our District is utilizing various remote technology platforms.

For the most part we are utilizing technology tools within the Google ecosystem. These have all been vetted for FERPA requirements regarding privacy concerns.

However, the District may also utilize other platforms providing streaming video and schoolwork online through other systems, such as Screencastify, Video Chat tools, Zoom, etc.

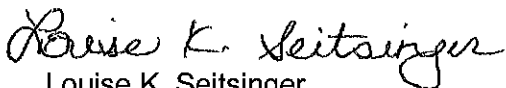
All these products will have the ability to capture video and sound within range of the camera and microphone within your home or any place your child uses the technology. Such information may also be seen or heard by other students sharing the distance learning platform. Also, portions of classes may be recorded and maintained as an educational record, such as music class performances.

***For this reason, we are asking that you be mindful of your child's use of these technologies and protect your family's privacy while classes are in session.***

Many of these technologies have provision to mute video and/or sound. If you wish to take advantage of these features or would like more information regarding the same, please contact your child's teacher and/or principal.

Utilizing and logging on to these services will act as consent to your child's use of the same.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Superintendent