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Dear Parent/Guardian:

To help keep your child safer and more scholarly online, the Perth Amboy Public School District has adopted online services provided by GoGuardian. It may be helpful to know that over 10,000 other schools use GoGuardian to protect 5.5 million students across the world.

We have chosen GoGuardian Teacher services to:

- Help protect students against harmful and inappropriate online material
- Help students stay "scholarly" and more focused when learning online
- Helping assess students' progress towards class assignment
- Facilitating communication between teachers and students during class time
- Monitor the usage of District devices for appropriate use, including monitoring for signs that may indicate self-harm, bullying, weapons, violence, or illegal activity.

In accordance with District Acceptable Use Policy, District personnel will also monitor networks and online activity, to ensure proper use, and compliance with Federal and State laws that regulate Internet safety. The District does not actively monitor student device usage on holidays, weekends, school breaks, or outside of regular school hours, which are typically from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. Notifications of alerts regarding suspicious activity occurring outside of regular school hours will be reviewed by District staff and administration during school hours, and if appropriate, parents will be contacted. Please note that flagged activities occurring outside of regular school hours will be addressed once school is back in session. For example, flagged incidents that occur on a weekend will be addressed by the administration on the following school day. Students should be aware that there should be no expectation of privacy when using District network, devices or equipment.

When and how does GoGuardian operate?

GoGuardian's web-based services operate on our school's managed Google Suite for Education Chrome accounts (i.e., when a student is logged into our district issued Chromebook with his/her school email address). The District enables teachers to use GoGuardian with students in their classes only during school hours from 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.

What is my parental/guardian and child's responsibilities?

We ask that students use their school-managed Google accounts and school-managed devices for educational purposes within the boundaries of Perth Amboy Public Schools. When a student is off campus, parents are responsible for supervising internet access and usage. We encourage you to discuss rules for appropriate internet usage with your child and reinforce lessons of digital citizenship and safety with him or her. We also highly encourage you to report any potential cyberbullying or other sensitive issues to us.

How does GoGuardian help protect my child's Privacy?

To help your child remain scholarly and safe online, GoGuardian collects certain personally identifiable information about your child. GoGuardian has informed us that they have consulted with privacy experts, participates in privacy organizations, is a proud signatory of the Student Privacy Pledge, and has been awarded certifications by iKeepSafe for complying with both Family Education Rights and Privacy Act and California student privacy laws. For more detailed information about GoGuardian, you may visit GoGuardian's website, Trust & Privacy Center, GoGuardian's Product Privacy Policy, and the attached COPPA Notice and Disclosure Form.

We are here to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Courtney Pepe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Courtney" written in a more compact, stylized manner and the last name "Pepe" written more fully.

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