San Lorenzo Unified School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In today's world, children must be fluent with technology in order to be prepared to succeed in college and career. To this end, SLZUSD has equipt over 120 classrooms with dedicated carts of devices to establish a 1:1 student to device ratio for consistent technology integration. The District has established two protected cloud-based domains (Google Apps for Education and Office 365) so that all students can have access to a drive and productivity tools 24/7. Denying students access to the intranet, Internet, or cloud computing, would essentially make it impossible for them to access online resources, Common Core instruction and the 4Cs (collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking).

You may notice that the revised Student Acceptable Use Policy is much more streamlined and integrates the use of the District intranet, the Internet, and cloud computing. Before they can use any of the District's technology resources, students must agree to use technology resources responsibly, safely, respectfully, and in a manner that respects the intellectual property of others.

The District has responded to community feedback calling for greater student access to technology by making funds available for purchasing devices, upgrading the wireless network, offering professional development for teachers, and providing increased technology support. While expanding access we continue to responsibly filter content, as mandated by the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA). In compliance with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act that went into effect in 2015, the District is establishing a policy to delete any student accounts 90 days after the student is disenrolled from the District. Teachers discuss responsible use of technology and the District offers a variety of resources on the website about cyber safety and cyber citizenship. Several Parent Education night events are also planned.

When all is said and done, though, students and families play the most important role in making technology as a positive learning tool. Everyone needs to understand what responsible use of technology means, and act accordingly.

Thank you in advance for your involvement in ensuring that your student has a safe and rewarding learning experience through the use of technology.

Sincerely,

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