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Dear Parents and Guardians:

South Orange Maplewood School District is pleased to offer all students Internet service accounts *free of charge*. The Internet is a global network that will provide your child with access to a wide range of information resources from around the world. Use of the Internet for educational projects will assist in preparing your child for success in life and work in the 21st century.

Please read and discuss this letter and the following attached documents with your child:

- Rules and Regulations for Internet Access
- Parental Permission form ("Use of the Internet Agreement Form")
- District Acceptable Use Policy

The District's **Acceptable Use Policy** (AUP) gives guidance for use of the Internet in the school environment. In addition, we have a filtering program which limits access to certain inappropriate areas. There may be additional kinds of information on the Internet, not limited by our filter, that are not in accord with your family's values or which you might find objectionable. We encourage you to use this opportunity to have a discussion with your child about your family's values and your expectations about how these values should guide your child's activities while she or he is using the Internet.

Teachers may use the Internet for classroom group instruction. However, in order for your child to participate on an individual basis, you must authorize your child's personal Internet account by signing in the appropriate area of the attached "Use of the Internet Agreement Form for Student Accounts" permission form. After both you and your child have signed the form and returned it to the school librarian, a free Internet account will be given to your child. You have the option of denying permission for your child to have individual access to the Internet. To exercise this option, please complete the permission form and place a check in the box "I do not want my child ..."

If you have any questions or concerns about the District's Internet services, please contact your building principal. All signed forms should be returned to the school librarian as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Dr. Thomas Ficarra
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