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Dear Parents/Guardian,

As part of our consistent effort to engage students in rigorous learning experiences and to support our inclusion of digital learning, Coventry Public Schools continually seeks supplementary tools that will assist in the learning process. To this end, the District has added a new resource to compliment and support our digital technology initiative. We have contracted with GoGuardian to provide teachers with the ability to view student Chromebook screens during class. This feature will assist teachers in managing a digital classroom and allow for greater flexibility in grouping students and providing individualized learning opportunities in a blended classroom environment. In addition, the screen share feature allows teachers to redirect students when off task and to lock student screens to specific websites for instructional purposes.

As with any digital service, protecting student privacy is paramount. The screen share feature is limited to school hours only and the school-issued device must be on the district network in order for the program to work. This simply means that after school hours and/or outside of our school network, this feature is inoperable. This is the only feature teachers have the opportunity to use as it is intended to assist in maximizing classroom instructional time in a 1-to-1 technology environment.

In addition to the screen share feature, this product provides the district with auxiliary tools to assist in managing a safe network for students and in managing our fleet of Chromebooks. This service provides network-filtering capabilities, which is required of all schools per the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). It also has a theft recovery process that is solely initiated by a police report and isolated to the serial number of the reported stolen Chromebook. The theft recovery process utilizes geolocation technology, screenshots, key logs, and webcam snapshots from the stolen Chromebook for the purpose of determining who is using the stolen device. Recorded activity will be documented and submitted to the police department and school administration. The District has a protocol in place for the use of this advanced feature of the GoGuardian product. This protocol is available on the district website.

As our partners in education, we wanted to share the news about this new instructional program with you. We are excited to add this robust program to our list of instructional resources and are confident it will benefit both teachers and students as we work to continue to redefine the 21st century classroom. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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