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Dear Day Care Provider/s:

We would like to make you aware that the Indian Prairie School District #204 is in the process of moving to a 1:1 digital environment with Chromebooks. Currently all students in grades 6-12 have a Chromebook that they will use both at school and offsite. At the elementary level, we are piloting Chromebooks at one grade level in each of the elementary schools. During the 2018-2019 school year our plan is to issue Chromebooks to all students in grades 2-5 for use both at school and offsite.

We wanted to make you aware of this as some of your students may want to use their Chromebook to complete school work while at your facility. We are in full support of our Indian Prairie students using their Chromebooks outside of school to complete work. Our Chromebooks are filtered both at school and offsite. The filter on the Chromebook is applied by level. For example, filter permissions for a high school student are different than those at the elementary level. While our filter does an excellent job of blocking questionable content, we also know that in this ever evolving world of technology, no filter is 100%. We have encouraged our students, parents, and teachers to make the appropriate person aware if they come across something questionable. Elementary students have been trained that if they see something questionable, to immediately tell an adult.

The Chromebooks require Wi-Fi for students to be able to work on their device. However, the nice thing about G-Suite for Education is that students can work in their Google Drive without Wi-Fi. If a student works offline, when they connect to the Wi-Fi their work will sync. Other tools may require Wi-Fi.

Our students are being trained in digital citizenship and know the expectations that have been set for them. All students had to sign a Parent/Student Agreement before a Chromebook could be issued to the student.

You may have heard the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." We fully believe that and want to work with you to help our students be successful. If at any time your facility would like to speak or work with a representative from our Instructional Technology Department, please do not hesitate to contact me so that we can support you. We can do professional development on the Chromebooks and Google Apps for Education, as well as Digital Citizenship. We are also more than happy to just come and talk about how we are teaching kids and how we are incorporating technology into the classroom.

Have a great year!

Thank you,
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