

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

_____ Date

We now have the ability to enhance your child’s education through the use of electronic networks, including the Internet. The Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources. The District’s goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Your authorization is needed before your child may use this resource.

The Internet electronically connects thousands of computers throughout the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers may have access to:

- Limited electronic mail communications with people all over the world
- Information from government sources, research institutions, and other sources
- Discussion groups
- Many libraries, including the catalog to the Library of Congress, and the Educational Resources Information Clearinghouse (ERIC)

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. You and your child should read the *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* (AUP) in their Student Handbook and discuss it together. The use of inappropriate material or language, or violation of copyright laws, may result in the loss of the privilege to use this resource. Remember that you are legally responsible for your child’s actions. Our AUP and this letter are available at <http://www.epd86.org/>, our district web site.

The District takes precautions to prevent access to materials that may be defamatory, inaccurate, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate in the school setting. On an unregulated network, however, it is impossible to control all material and a user may discover inappropriate material. Ultimately, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child or ward should follow. To that end, the School District supports and respects each family’s right to decide whether or not to authorize Internet access.

Throughout the year, students have the opportunity to participate in online collaborative projects tied to their classroom curriculum and to publish their class work on our district web site. These opportunities give students the ability to share their thoughts, ideas and class work with other students and the larger community. As your child’s safety is important to us, no last names are used. Also throughout the year, our computer network is used to assess your child’s learning such as during MAP testing (Measures of Academic Progress), a state-aligned computerized adaptive test.

Please read and discuss the *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* in your child’s Student Handbook. If you agree to allow your child to have a network account, sign the form below and return it to school.

By our signatures below, we affirm that we have read the above information, both as stated and implied, and that we understand that network access is designed for education purposes solely. We also recognize that it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. Therefore, we hold harmless the school, its Board members, and its other employees, for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the network, or by suspension from that network. In compliance with the information stated in this letter, Board policy, and District procedure, I, as parent/guardian, request access to the school’s Internet and network for my child, and I as student, agree to abide by the conditions of network use. I as parent/guardian and I as student, give permission to participate in educational online collaborative projects and for class work to be published on our district web site. I also understand that failing to sign this request will result in my child not receiving any “hands on” computer instruction.

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Student signature _____ Date _____

Student Name (Please print.) _____

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your building principal.