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Dear 2nd through 8th Grade Parent/Guardian:

In recent years, the Lumberton School District has been increasing its integration of technology into classrooms. This year students in Florence L. Walther, Bobby's Run and Lumberton Middle schools will use a student Google account and Chromebook during the school day. Lumberton Middle School students specifically, will be assigned a 1:1 Chromebook to take home and bring back to school each day. Studies have shown that technology integration has enhanced student learning and increased productivity in the classroom significantly. With this extensive 1:1 learning initiative, comes the need to protect our students and our technology.

As such, the district purchased and installed a low-cost software program that monitors, filters, and tracks the location of students' Chromebooks. This program, called GoGuardian, records all Internet activity in the Chrome browser when students log in using their Lumberton Google account. The monitoring and recording happens regardless of the device and the student's location. ***GoGuardian only monitors and collects Internet activity: it does not collect photos or videos of students, staff members, or any school activities.***

Because of our monitoring software, the State of New Jersey requires us to inform you about the "Anti-Big Brother" Act: P.L.2013, CHAPTER 44, approved April 15, 2013, Senate No. 2057. This public law states that our district will provide "written or electronic notification that the electronic device may record or collect information on the student's activity or the student's use of the device if the electronic device is equipped with a camera, global positioning system, or other feature capable of recording or collecting information on the student's activity or use of the device... The notice is required to have a form attached which provides for a parent or guardian signature acknowledging receipt of the form." Click on this link, or type it into your browser, to read the act:

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2012/Bills/S2500/2057_11.HTM

Please note that the Lumberton School District shall not use any of GoGuardian's capabilities in a manner that would violate the privacy rights of the student or any individual residing with the student.

To meet the requirements set forth in this public law, we need you to complete the form electronically in the Genesis Parent Portal.

Thank you,



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USE OF CHROMEBOOKS IN THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

By electronically completing this form in the Genesis Parent Portal, I acknowledge receipt of information about the Anti-Big Brother Act for 2019-2020.



This will be acknowledged in the Genesis Parent Portal. This form does not have to be printed. It is for reference only.