

WELLINGTON

EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents:

Due to recent changes in state law, school districts must notify parents/guardians when schools or their technology providers monitor school-issued devices. This letter serves as the District's notice that during the 2024-2025 school year, the District and/or its technology providers will monitor the school-issued device(s) assigned to all Wellington Exempted Village students consistent with Ohio Revised Code § 3319.325 - 3319.327 as follows:

Basis for Monitoring:

Monitoring will be performed for instruction, technical support, or exam-proctoring, to help locate a device that was reported missing or stolen, to prevent or respond to a threat to life or safety, to comply with federal or state law or a judicial warrant, or to participate in federal or state-funded programs

School-Issued Devices Monitored:

The monitoring of school-issued devices includes student Chromebooks, Google accounts, Internet / web browsing history, email, chat, and Google Drive archives, and online educational resources, such as digital textbooks, online course materials, and testing software.

Please note that NONE OF THIS IS A CHANGE IN PRACTICE. For years, Federal law has required schools to filter and monitor online student activity to prevent access to inappropriate material as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000.

From time to time, you may receive additional notifications related to this new law if the District monitors or accesses a student device in a non-routine manner to respond to a threat to life or safety, conduct an investigation that involves a student's use of digital resources, or attempts to locate a device that has been reported lost or stolen.

Student Data Privacy

Additionally, the new law requires the District to ensure that instructional applications and online resources used by students comply with data privacy and safety standards outlined in state law. You may find a list of these instructional applications and online resources on our district website: https://www.wellingtonvillageschools.org/ You can find the list by clicking on "Resources," then "Family Resources" and selecting the "Dyslexia and Curriculum Information"

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school administrators.

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