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Re: Access to student Google Apps for Education accounts

To: Parents/Guardians,

It is an exciting time for teaching and learning in our School District as we pursue our goal of helping all students to develop the skills to become learners, thinkers, innovators, collaborators and contributors. As we pursue our educational goals, we recognize the importance of creating 21st Century learning environments that provide tools for students that are relevant to their daily lives. To that end, we are committed to providing all students access to digital technologies that will empower their learning and better prepare students to thrive in an increasingly digital world.

As a result, Kamloops/Thompson School District 73 has been working with Google Apps for Education (GAFE) to create a digital collaboration system. GAFE is designed specifically for universities and K-12 school districts and provides access to their files, in a collaborative way, anytime and anywhere, in a secure, private and ad-free environment, with more control and protection than an individual Google/Gmail Account. GAFE is currently used by hundreds of school districts and post-secondary institutions, with tens of millions of students accounts around the world.

As a BC school district, we are subject to the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. In order for students to use GAFE, we will need to provide Google with their names, schools and grade levels. In accordance with the ACT, on the reverse of this letter you will find a consent form that will permit us to disclose such information in order to give students access to this system. In accepting a SD73 GAFE account, your child accepts the responsibility of using the account in a responsible and appropriate manner further laid out in the guidelines found in School District Regulation and attachment that was signed upon School District registration.

Once consent is obtained, your student's classroom teacher will provide further instructions on how to access the GAFE system. If you have further questions, please visit our SD73 GAFE information site at: <http://sd73.bc.ca/gafe>, or do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

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