NEW LEXINGTON SCHOOLS

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To Parents of Students Enrolled in Programs Operated by the New Lexington School District:

On October 24, 2024, the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 3319.327, Monitoring of School-Issued Devices, will be in effect for all school districts in Ohio. The new law provides that a school district and a technology provider are prohibited from electronically accessing or monitoring any of the following involving a school-issued device:

1. Location-tracking features;
2. Audio or visual receiving, transmitting, or recording features; and
3. Student interactions with a school-issued device including but not limited to keystrokes and web-browsing activity.

There are six (6) specific exceptions under the new law, which authorize a school district and a technology provider to generally monitor a school-issued device. The new law requires that if a school district chooses to generally monitor a school-issued device for any one (1) of the six (6) exceptions, the school district must provide written notice of the monitoring to the parents of students enrolled in the school district.

This serves as written notice that the New Lexington School District will generally monitor school-issued devices during the school year for the following permitted purposes:

1. The activity is limited to a noncommercial educational purpose for instruction, technical support, or exam-proctoring by school district employees, student teachers, staff contracted by a district, a vendor, or the department of education, and notice is provided in advance;
2. The activity is permitted under a judicial warrant;
3. The school district or technology provider is notified or becomes aware that the device is missing or stolen;
4. The activity is necessary to prevent or respond to a threat to life or safety, and the access is limited to that purpose;
5. The activity is necessary to comply with federal or state law;
6. The activity is necessary to participate in federal or state funding programs.

If there are any changes during the school year to the general monitoring provisions or parameters set forth in this notice, the New Lexington School District will provide separate written notice to all parents of students enrolled in the District.

Sincerely,

Casey H. Coffey
Superintendent