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Subject: Notification Regarding Ohio Senate Bill 29 - K-12 Student Data Privacy Law

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to inform you of an important legislative update that directly impacts the protection of student data within Ohio's public schools.

The Ohio General Assembly has enacted Senate Bill 29, a law designed to strengthen the privacy and security of student information in K-12 educational settings. This legislation, which became effective on October 24, 2024, outlines specific responsibilities for school districts and technology providers to ensure that student data is handled with the utmost care and confidentiality.

## **Summary of Key Provisions:**

- Ownership of Student Records: All student records remain the property of the school district. Technology providers are prohibited from claiming ownership or using the data for unauthorized purposes.
- Mandatory Notification of Data Breaches: In the event of a data breach involving student information, the school district is required to notify affected families within 72 hours.
- Secure Data Disposal: Any student data stored on school-issued devices must be permanently deleted within 90 days following the termination of a technology contract.
- Restrictions on Data Monitoring and Use: Technology providers are strictly prohibited from monitoring student activity or using educational data for marketing, advertising, or other non-educational purposes. (I-Ready, Britannica Education. PBIS Rewards, class dojo, schoology)

These measures are intended to safeguard your child's personal and academic information and to reinforce our district's commitment to data privacy and responsible technology use.

## **Our Commitment:**

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District is fully aligned with the requirements of Senate Bill 29. We are actively reviewing and updating our data management practices to ensure compliance and to maintain the highest standards of student privacy.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this legislation or how it may affect your child, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in fostering a safe and secure learning environment for all students.

Sincerely,
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