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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of integrating technology in our curriculum, students in the Laptop Program will be creating Digital Portfolios and creating school email accounts to safely use Web 2.0 tools. Laptop students will be asked to include their best work from each of their laptop courses throughout their years at _____.

- Digital Portfolios allow students to compile their best work and accomplishments throughout high school.
- Digital Portfolios allow students to demonstrate their learning and reflect on how to improve their own learning.
- Digital Portfolios serve as powerful statements of students' academic progress, analytical thinking, and communication skills. They encourage students to engage in academic discourse in rigorous and relevant ways.
- Digital Portfolios are becoming increasingly common in post-secondary programs and can assist students in showcasing their capabilities to potential employers.
- Digital Portfolios allow students to demonstrate responsible Digital Citizenship skills as they create their own authentic exemplars of learning.
- Students will determine which course artifacts they wish to include from each of the laptop courses in their portfolios.

In order to create a digital portfolio and have access to different online technologies, students will be asked to create an email account using **gmail**. There will be no personal information used by students. Laptop teachers will provide students with specific login instructions using generic alphanumeric identification. This email account will be used for the duration of the students' enrollment in the Laptop Program. There will be no photos, videos, or text displaying student identities on the portfolio website. The website will also

be created to ensure the maximum privacy possible. Only the student and their teachers will have access to the site. .

The staff at _____ is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students. To ensure that every laptop student that creates and contributes to their own digital portfolios does so with the consent of their parents, we ask that you sign this form giving or declining your consent.

Sincerely,

Principal

I **give/do not give** (circle one) permission for my child _____ to participate in Digital Portfolios in the Laptop Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date