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Dear Parents,

Technology is an important tool which we embrace at Salisbury Central School. Our school believes in the educational value of communications, the Internet, and electronic information services, and recognizes their potential to support our educational programs, the curriculum, and student learning.

With such a powerful learning tool comes the responsibility of using it correctly. Students in grades 4-8 and their parents must sign the Internet Use Agreement in order for their child to have access to the Internet at anytime at Salisbury Central School.

At the end of last year the Salisbury Board of Education revised our Acceptable Use Policy (6141.321). Because of the revisions, we are requesting that all students in grades 4-8 and their parents sign and submit the newer version to your child's homeroom teacher by **Monday, September 28, 2009**. Once this agreement is signed it will be kept on file.

Please take the time to review the attached Internet Use Agreement with your child. Note that a parent and the student must sign the agreement. Students in grade 4 who do not return the Internet Use Agreement by the deadline will not be allowed to access the Internet. Students in Grades 5-8 who already have agreements on file will be allowed to use the Internet until the deadline. If a newer agreement is not returned by September 28, then the student will not be allowed to access the Internet.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Technology Teacher, Lou Bucceri, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Chris Butwill
Principal

Instruction

Telecommunications/Internet – Acceptable Use

**Salisbury Central School
Lakeville, Connecticut**

Internet Use Agreement

Please read this document carefully before signing.

Internet access is available to students and teachers in the School District.

The Board of Education believes the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers have access to:

- 1) Electronic mail communication with people all over the world;
- 2) Information and news from NASA as well as the opportunity to correspond with the scientists at NASA and other research institutions;
- 3) Public domain software and shareware of all types;
- 4) Discussion groups on a plethora of topics ranging from Chinese culture to the environment to music to politics; and
- 5) Access to many University Library Catalogs, the Library of Congress and ERIC.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. The School District has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the district.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that students are aware of the responsibilities they are about to acquire. In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a district user violates any of these provisions, his or her

privileges/account will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

- 1) **Acceptable Use** – The purpose of the National Science Foundation Network (NSFNET), which is the backbone network to the Internet, is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the United States by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of telecommunications/an electronic mail account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the School District. Use of other organizations' networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any United States or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities, product advertisement or political lobbying is prohibited.
- 2) **Privileges** – The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. (Each student who uses the Internet or who receives an account will be part of a discussion with a district faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the network.) System administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and the decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any time required. The administration, faculty, and staff may request the District Internet administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.
- 3) **Network Etiquette** – All users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

Users should:

- a. Be polite and should not be abusive in messages to others.
 - b. Use appropriate language and not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
 - c. Not reveal their personal address or phone number or those of students or colleagues.
 - d. Note that electronic (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
 - e. Not use the network in such a way as to disrupt the use of the network by other users.
 - f. Assume all communications and information accessible via the network to be private property.
- 4) The School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The district will not be responsible for any damages such as loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by negligence, errors or omissions. The district specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy of quality of information obtained from the Internet.

- 5) **Security** – Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Users who identify a security problem on the Internet must notify a system administrator or District Internet Administrator. Users should not demonstrate the problem to other users, nor use another individual’s account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to log on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to Internet.
- 6) **Vandalism** – Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the NSFNET Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. If there is any cost involved in repairing such vandalism, the cost will be assumed by the parent/guardian, or the student if he/she is 18 years or older.

STUDENT

I understand and will abide by the above Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action.

Student Signature

Date

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. The School has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the district to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child’s use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission for my child to access the Internet, to have an account and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian’s Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date