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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

The Butler Area School District provides students with access to the Internet and other network programs on our wide-area computer network. The Internet is a world-wide network of computer systems that contain a vast amount of information and resources for research and learning. Our students also use a variety of other digital technology resources in the classroom. Our goal in providing this access is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating access to current research, information, and curriculum that is otherwise not readily available while developing technical skills in our students.

The Internet, however, is not designed exclusively for the use of adolescents. With access to computers all over the world comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Our concern is that Internet resources be used in a safe and proper manner. The Butler Area School District has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials including the use of special Internet filtering software which denies access to known inappropriate sites. Direct electronic communication by students with others through e-mail, chat rooms, or other interactive applications is not allowed unless it is part of a curriculum-related project that has been administratively approved and is directly supervised by a classroom teacher. 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 benefits to using the current educational resources available on the Internet far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

The Butler Area School District has adopted acceptable use policies designed to provide guidelines for using our computer network in a safe and responsible manner. Copies of these policies are enclosed so that you are aware of the responsibilities that students must assume – the efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of the network resources. Also enclosed is the Acceptable Use of Computers and other Digital Technology Agreement form that must be read and signed by both the student and a parent or guardian, and then returned to the student's school. We encourage parents to have discussions with their children about values and responsible behavior while using the Internet before returning this permission form for Internet use. If a student violates any of these guidelines, his or her use will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied.

Please read the attached Butler Area School District's Policies 815, Acceptable Use Of Computer Networks/Digital Technology/Internet And Internet Safety, and 815.1, Computers/Computer Software/Other Digital Technology, and be sure that both a parent/guardian and the student have signed the form before returning it to the principal's office at your student's school. Students are not permitted to use computers, the computer network, or other digital technology at the school until this form has been properly signed and returned to the school district.

Sincerely,

Brian Slamecka
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Butler Area School District

Acceptable Use of Computers and other Digital Technology Agreement Form

Please return this signed Acceptable Use of Computers and other Digital Technology Agreement Form as soon as possible. Students are not permitted to use computers, the computer network, or other digital technology at the school until this form has been properly signed and returned to the principal's office.

Student Name: _____

School Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

Parent Agreement

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read the Butler Area School District's Policies 815 and 815.1 and have reviewed the content of those policies and guidelines with my student. I understand that a violation of the policies and guidelines by my student may result in disciplinary action and/or revocation of the student's permission to use the Butler Area School District computers, the computer network, or other digital technology.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

Student Agreement

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Butler Area School District's Policy 815, Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/ Digital Technology/Internet and Internet Safety, and Policy 815.1, Computers/Computer Software/Other Digital Technology. I understand that a violation of the policies and guidelines by me may result in disciplinary action and/or revocation of my permission to use the Butler Area School District computers, the computer network, or other digital technology.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____