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Parents and Guardians,

Imagine Great Western Academy has made an adjustment to the user features on the Chromebooks in order to enhance your child's ability to communicate with staff and be effective distance learners. It is now possible for students to access the webcam feature and we have whitelisted the website Zoom. This will allow your child to have face to face access to staff during this stay at home order.

These features are to be used for school communication only and we ask that parents/guardians carefully monitor their students' use of technology. All school technology policies and expectations apply to home use of IGWA property and our staff will be monitoring for misuse. Please look at the copy of our policy below.

In the event of a violation of these policies the school will be in contact so it may retrieve its property and inform the parent/guardian of any further disciplinary actions required/deemed necessary.

We thank you and hope you are staying safe!

#### **STUDENT USE/MISUSE OF TECHNOLOGY**

It is the policy of the school to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act. All computers are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner. Failure to adhere to this policy and the guidelines below will result in the revocation of the user's access privilege and subject the student to additional penalties. Unacceptable uses of the computer/network include but are not limited to

1. violating the conditions of the Ohio Revised Code dealing with students' and employees' rights to privacy;
2. using profanity, obscenity or other language that may be offensive to another user;
3. reposting (forwarding) personal communication without the author's prior consent;
4. copying commercial software in violation of copyright law;
5. using the network for financial gain, for commercial activity or for any illegal activity;
6. accessing and/or viewing inappropriate material; and
7. harassing another person.

Students engaging in any of the above behaviors are subject to severe penalties including:

1. Denial of access to computer and network equipment and resources.
2. Verbal or written reprimand.
3. Detention.
4. Suspension.
5. Criminal charges.
6. Expulsion.

To the extent practicable, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") are used to block or filter Internet access to, or other forms of electronic communications containing, inappropriate information. Filtering, or blocking, is applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene, child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. The filter serves to block minors from accessing inappropriate matter on the Internet and the World Wide Web.

The technology protection measures may only be disabled by an authorized person and only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

Additionally, it shall be the responsibility of all members of the staff to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet and ensure that the same is in accordance with this policy.