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Dear Families of BLSMMA Students:

BLSMMA believes in preparing our students for the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We believe that one of the tools needed for our students is experience and understanding of technology. BLSMMA is pleased to have a state of the art Computer Lab that is available to our students and staff. Besides our Computer Lab, each classroom is equipped with two student computers and a teacher computer. These computers are used for many resources that will **always** be supervised by a faculty member.

BLSMMA is connected to a high speed internet access (DSL). The DSL connection is a direct connection to our internet server. The internet is an on-line computer network that connects millions of computer users and information resources throughout the world. Using the internet will allow students and employees to do research, develop a working knowledge of the latest "online" trends and communicate with people around the world via email and videoconferencing. To meet both students and employee needs, we feel that access to the internet's global information network is essential. The internet represents a unique opportunity to begin to explore the incredible wealth of online information that will enhance the educational experience.

There are concerns that could arise during the school year. Although student's use of the internet will be supervised by teachers and we have taken measures to limit access to inappropriate material through a filter, problems could arise due to poor choices, experimentation or curiosity.

Use of the internet is a privilege, not a right at BLSMMA. We expect all students and employees to act according to the by-laws stated on the internet policy. All users should understand that the BLSMMA internet service shall be used for legitimate educational and research uses only. Those users who fail to adhere to proper and correct online behavior risk losing access to the internet service. Inappropriate behavior includes but is not limited to the following:

- Receiving copyrighted software from the internet
- Receiving or sending communications (e-mail or chat) not directly related to justifiable educational uses
- Absolutely no instant messaging
- Absolutely no access to personal web spaces
- Sending an e-mail or harassing or discriminatory remarks
- Using the internet to bully any person
- Accessing any pornographic or inappropriate materials, or files dangerous to the integrity of the network
- Altering or installing programs on any computer without authorization
- Hacking into any computer or network including using another users password to access accounts other than your own
- Material that is fraudulent, harassing, embarrassing, sexually explicit, profane, obscene, intimidating, defamatory, offensive, or otherwise unlawful or inappropriate may not be accessed, displayed, stored, created, or disseminated on any computer

Please know that we have done everything in our power to make this a positive experience. It is impossible for teachers to always have direct supervision of all students. Talk to your child about the above. School administrators reserve the right to define inappropriate behavior and materials as needed.

