

PENN HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
309 Collins Drive
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235

September 1, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians of PHSD Students,

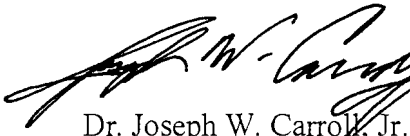
The Penn Hills School District offers your child access to one of the most powerful educational resources available today. This resource is the Internet, an electronic information network system, which provides access to databases, libraries, and other educational information across the world. While some material accessible on the Internet may be offensive or inaccurate, it is the district's intention to keep our student-users safe and to ensure an age-appropriate educational environment.

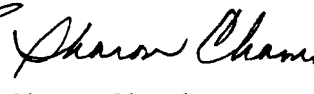
At all educational levels, access is primarily directed to web sites previewed by the teacher and the use of web-based educational tools and software. Students may be given time to search independently for class-related information. In addition, the district employs filtering software to block inappropriate sites. Although these precautions are employed, some students may inadvertently gain access to inappropriate material. It is the district's belief that the benefits of this educational resource merit its use as outlined in the Acceptable Use Policy (PHSD Policy #815), which is included in this mailing.


Please read the provided Internet contract, review Board Policy #815, and discuss with your child each of the points. It is important that your child understands his/her responsibilities when using the Internet and network resources in school. Inappropriate use of district resources such as a breach of network security by sharing passwords, use of proxy servers and other non-educational use may cause loss of access to network resources and may negatively impact your child's educational opportunities.

Your permission is necessary in order for your child to fully participate in Internet use. Both you and your child must sign the attached agreement form and return it to his/her homeroom teacher. When a signed contract is received, your child will be able to access the Internet in the classroom and instructional computer labs through teacher-created assignments and/or to complete on-line searches to answer age appropriate questions. If a contract is not received, Internet access will be limited. At all times, students are expected to adhere to the district's Acceptable Use Policy.

Sincerely,


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Superintendent


Sharon Chambers
Elementary Technology
Coordinator


Sally Myers
Secondary Technology
Coordinator