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To: Rim of the World Unified School District Community

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RE: GoGuardian

Recently, secondary families may have noticed teacher oversight of student activities during instructional time. ROWUSD takes student technology privacy and monitoring seriously to protect both our staff and students. ROWUSD has been training our teachers on effective classroom management software for the past few months. At our secondary schools, MPH, MHS, and RHS, all teachers have been trained on the GoGuardian platform. Some of our primary teachers have completed self-paced training as well. As a part of our enrollment process or picking up a Chromebook this year all parents were asked to sign an Acceptable Use Policy outlining district rights that allow us to remain compliant with child internet safety laws.

GoGuardian allows the teacher to monitor student activities when they are in their daily Google Classroom instructional time to keep students focused, to identify and correct off-task behavior.

GoGuardian is installed on all district devices. Further, if your student is using a personal device AND signed into Chrome with their district account, GoGuardian will be running.

Teachers can see the following in Chrome while the GoGuardian session is running:

- See the Chrome window ONLY
- See any open tabs
- Restrict browsing (close tabs that are not part of the instruction time)
- Teachers can share their screen with one or all students

GoGuardian cannot access:

- Computer file system
- Any other open applications

Teachers have the ability to “send” a link that will open a tab for the student, as well as close tab(s) that are not part of the Google Classroom or that is causing the student to be off-task during the live session.

GoGuardian also allows our teachers and administrative staff to receive notifications if a student is contemplating self-harm or suicide through keyword searches or phrases based on their online activity and behavior. We also block all YouTube videos, unless unblocked by the teacher. All these things allow ROWUSD to put safeguards in place for our students as we monitor their well-being and safety while using our needed platforms for instructional purposes during Distance Learning or any other time.

