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Dear Cucamonga School District Families,

Here we are, two months into our Distance Learning school year. Our goal continues to be to fully reopen our classrooms. However, we will only do so when it has been deemed safe by the Centers for Disease Control Prevention (CDC) and San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (SBCDPH). In the meantime, Distance Learning, and the use of technology, has been truly amazing, but it has not been without its challenges.

In the Cucamonga School District, our technology devices have content filtering to make sure students can search the internet safely. **Content filters** can be helpful to keep students safe from harmful content and allow parents some peace of mind. However, **content filtering is NOT enough**, and doesn't pretend to "catch" everything that the user may access. In addition, kids are becoming so good with technology that they can get around filtering software. Teaching children about why certain online searches, "pop-ups", and interactions are dangerous works along with content filtering.

Distance learning has put a lot of responsibility on our parents, and that goes farther than just schoolwork. As parents, we have to go the extra mile to teach our children about internet safety. This can be especially beneficial since parents can monitor their children more closely than a teacher could. Here are some tips to share with your children about internet safety in the home.

- Follow the family rules and guidelines from the District Technology Use Agreement
- Encourage students to ask for help when they need it
- Never reveal personal information, such as address, phone number, or school name or location
- Always tell a parent or other trusted adult about any communication or conversation that was scary or hurtful
- Never leave your student alone with a device without adult supervision

Please know that we take internet safety very seriously and work to take steps to ensure that inappropriate content gets blocked.

I encourage you to have a discussion with your child regarding internet safety and being very careful with using unknown sites. I appreciate your incredible partnership during this time of Distance Learning. And . . . a very BIG thank you to our parents for everything that you are doing to help keep your children safe and focused on their learning.

*Ric Dahlin*

Superintendent  
Cucamonga School District