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SUBJECT: STUDENT PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

The BOCES Board of Education recognizes that as new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational opportunities for classroom instruction. For this reason, BOCES students may bring their own personal electronic wireless devices—tablets, iPads, smartphones, laptops, netbooks, e-readers, etc. to BOCES. With teacher approval, students may use their personal electronic devices in the classroom to access and save information from the Internet, collaborate with other learners, and utilize available productivity tools.

Definition of "Device"

For purposes of this policy, "device" means a personally-owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, tablets, iPads, smartphones, laptops, netbooks, e-readers, etc.

Internet

Only the student wireless network (BYOD-BO) provided by BOCES may be accessed while on BOCES' campuses/classrooms. Cell phones/cell network adapters (i.e. Verizon Jetpack mifi devices or devices with cell/data capabilities) are not permitted to be used to access outside networks at any time on the BOCES' campuses/classrooms. All internet traffic, while on the BYOD-BO wireless network, will be subject to monitoring and filtering.

Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. BOCES is not liable for any device stolen or damaged on campus/classroom. Protective cases for devices are encouraged.

Access to BOCES' network is a privilege, not a right. The use of technology, whether owned by BOCES or supplied by students, entails personal responsibility. Students will comply with BOCES' student conduct and acceptable use policies, act in a responsible manner, and will honor the terms and conditions set by the classroom teacher and the BOCES program. Failure to comply with such terms and conditions may result in temporary or permanent loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action as necessary. Students are encouraged to report any misuse immediately to their teacher, principal, or other school administrator.

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Files and communication sent over BOCES' network are not private. BOCES reserves the right to monitor students' online activities and to access, review, copy, and store or delete any electronic communication or files and disclose them to others as necessary when on the BYOD-BO wireless network.

Students who wish to use devices to access BOCES' BYOD-BO wireless network must complete the required form prior to such access being provided.