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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you about a concerning trend that has recently emerged both at New Buffalo Middle School and in schools across the country. This trend, which has been circulating on platforms such as TikTok, involves students inserting metal objects, pencil lead, or other foreign materials into the charging ports or USB ports of their school-issued Chromebooks.

This behavior is extremely dangerous. In multiple cases, it has resulted in internal damage to the device, overheating, smoke, and in some instances, fire. These actions not only destroy school property but also create serious safety hazards for students, staff, and our building as a whole.

We want to be very clear: tampering with electronic devices in this way is a violation of our district's technology use policy and code of conduct. Any student found engaging in this behavior will face serious disciplinary consequences, which include suspension or even expulsion.

We ask that you please take a moment to talk with your child about the risks and consequences associated with participating in viral social media trends that involve unsafe or destructive behavior. Our top priority is the safety and well-being of every student, and we appreciate your partnership in reinforcing this message at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Dan Caudle, Principal

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