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## **Important Reminder: Respect School Technology and Property**

Dear DVD Students and Families,

Today at approx. 11:20am, students were exited from two classrooms in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade hub after smoke was seen coming from a laptop. Staff acted quickly to isolate the device and to get students to safety. While this caused a disruption to learning for two classes, no person was injured and campus was not evacuated. Our facilities team responded to ensure campus. Any students involved in this incident have been addressed and families have been notified. All classes resumed after lunch and the rest of the day went safely.

We want to remind everyone that all school technology and equipment—such as laptops, chargers, projectors, classroom devices, and network infrastructure—are essential tools provided to support your education. These resources must be handled with care and respect at all times.

**Tampering with any school technology or property is strictly prohibited.** This includes, but is not limited to, unplugging devices, damaging equipment, attempting to bypass security measures, or accessing restricted systems.

### **WARNING: Dangerous TikTok Trend**

It has come to our attention that there is a TikTok trend circulating which encourages students to tamper with or destroy school devices to cause smoke. Engaging in this trend will not be tolerated and will result in serious disciplinary action, which could include immediate recommendation for expulsion. This applies to personal devices as well as the safety concern would be the same.

**Why This Matters:** Damaging or interfering with school property disrupts the learning environment and puts strain on our shared resources. It also undermines the integrity of our community and creates safety concerns.

**Consequences:** Students found tampering with or damaging school property—whether as part of a social media trend or otherwise—will face serious disciplinary action. In cases involving malicious intent or participation in harmful trends, expulsion will be automatic and final.

If you notice any issues with school equipment, or if you hear about unsafe behavior, please report it to a staff member immediately. Your actions matter—let's work together to keep our school safe, respectful, and focused on learning.

Sincerely,  
Da Vinci Design



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## Important Safety Alert: TikTok Chromebook Challenge

Dear Da Vinci Parents and Guardians,

We are reaching out to inform you of a concerning and dangerous trend currently circulating on social media platforms, particularly TikTok, that has recently impacted schools across the country—including Da Vinci.

This trend, sometimes referred to as the “**Chromebook Challenge**,” involves students inserting metal objects—such as paper clips, mechanical pencil tips, or push pins—into Chromebook charging ports or USB drives. This behavior can cause devices to short-circuit, spark, or even catch fire, posing a significant risk of injury, fire alarms, school evacuations, and property damage.

Regrettably, we have had two confirmed incidents at Da Vinci Schools. While no one was harmed, the seriousness of these events cannot be overstated.

### What You Need to Know:

- **Participating in this trend is extremely dangerous** and may result in disciplinary consequences up to and including **suspension or expulsion**.
- Students could face **criminal charges under applicable law**.
- Families are subject to being held **financially responsible** for damage to any school-issued technology resulting from such actions.

### How Families Can Help:

We ask that you partner with us by:

- **Talking openly with your child** about the dangers of participating in harmful online trends.
- Reinforcing the message that **school devices are valuable learning tools** that must be handled responsibly.



- Encouraging your child to **report any concerning behavior or discussions** to a trusted adult at school.
- **Being vigilant** and checking in about your child's social media use and online activities.

We are also increasing supervision and monitoring areas where Chromebooks are stored or frequently used to prevent any further incidents.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in ensuring a safe, supportive, and respectful learning environment for all students.

Gratefully,

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