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Dear MTSD Parents and Staff,

I am writing to inform you of a recent notification from the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) regarding a dangerous social media trend known as the “Chromebook Trend” or “Chromebook Challenge.”

This trend encourages students to insert metal or conductive objects—such as paper clips, pushpins, aluminum foil, or mechanical pencils—into the USB port of their Chromebook or similar devices in an attempt to force an electrical short circuit. This behavior poses a significant safety hazard. The resulting electrical failure can damage the device and, more seriously, cause the lithium-ion battery to overheat, potentially leading to fire and the release of toxic and flammable vapors.

We urge all parents and guardians to speak with their children about the seriousness of this issue and to discourage any participation in such dangerous activities. Similarly, we have communicated this concern with staff and will continue to monitor student technology use closely while reinforcing responsible digital citizenship and safety.

If a student is found engaging in this behavior, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken, and families will be contacted. Our priority is the safety and well-being of every student and staff member in our district.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your school’s building principal if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Tiffany J. Moutis