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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Miami-Dade County Public Schools prioritizes the safety and well-being of its students. As an extra layer of support and in alignment with School Board Policies 7540.03, *Student Responsible Use of Technology, Social Media, and District Network Systems*, & *Internet Safety*, and 7540.07, *Instructional Mobile Devices*, M-DCPS has partnered with Lightspeed Systems® to help provide a safe digital learning environment for all K-12 students. Lightspeed Alert is a threat detection solution that will monitor students' online activity for signs related to violence, bullying, which includes "harm-to-self" and "harm-to-others." Lightspeed Alert is a software product that uses artificial intelligence and human review to scan student activity on school-owned devices, using Office 365.

Lightspeed Alert's system will specifically collect the following data: student name, school, grade level, e-mail, and content that triggered the alert. No other activity or data will be monitored or collected. The safety specialists from the company evaluates all alerts, and based on the content, the information is shared with the school, the district and the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department. Lightspeed Alert will also provide 24/7/365 human review for all student safety alerts. If imminent danger to the student or school exists, Lightspeed safety specialists will follow an escalation process to ensure that the appropriate parties in the district are notified immediately regardless of the day or time.

The school district is committed to continuing to learning and providing a safe environment for all our students and other stakeholders. If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal, Ms. Holbrook, at the school.

Sincerely,

Angela Holbrook

