



PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

MARCUS W. NEWCOMB MIDDLE SCHOOL
ASHLEY WALULAK, Principal

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Dear Newcomb Middle School Families,

As we have navigated the waters of remote learning throughout our COVID-19 pandemic, we have become aware of some safety and security concerns presented with old Google Meet links still being active for students.

Unfortunately, we are not able to terminate the use of these old links. In fact, we have found students participating in unsupervised Google Meets using previously created codes, which has led to significant safety concerns. Our priority remains steadfast: student safety. As a result, out of this concern, Pemberton Township School District made the decision to stop using Google Meets to conduct virtual classes and to begin using GoGuardian instead.

Over the past several weeks, teachers have been trained on this new platform, which we have previously used in another capacity and now look forward to using to conduct virtual classes with our students. I wish to inform you that **January 28, 2021** is the last day we will use Google Meets. Beginning with our new marking period on February 1, all teachers and students must use the GoGuardian platform.

In order to participate in virtual classes, **all students must use a district-issued Chromebook**. Our technology department provided us with a list of students who do not have district-issued devices, and we worked with our transportation department to have Chromebooks delivered to them. If your child still does not have a district-issued Chromebook, please contact us. Furthermore, if your child is experiencing difficulty with the Chromebook issued to him or her, please submit a tech repair ticket at <http://tech.pemb.org/home/>. If you are unable to submit a tech repair ticket, please call us.

We are still exploring the best technology platform on which to hold parent/teacher conferences March 9-11, 2021, and we will communicate that information to you in advance of conference scheduling.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about this change. As always, I appreciate your partnership as we work together to create success for students. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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