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Dear Families,

The digital world that our children are growing up and learning in is incredibly exciting. Through technology, children have access to new tools, a wide range of resources and stimulating opportunities to participate in novel ways.

Children have never had as much access to the Internet and mobile technologies at home and school as they do today. While media and technology hold great promise for learning, our young people need support and education to learn how to make sound judgements when navigating the digital world. Our school is working to make sure students acquire the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills they will need to be successful in school and beyond. As a district, we believe that a shared approach between parents and teachers is a valuable way to support our children and their families.

I encourage you to visit the new Digital Citizenship resources page on the White Plains Public Schools website: <https://www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/Page/21042> . You can also find a link on our school homepage. Here you will find free resources from Common Sense Education, which is a nationally recognized, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that is a trustworthy resource for both schools and families. Some of the topics provided as parent resources include:

- Internet Safety
- Digital footprints (what you do on the Internet)
- Distraction, multitasking & time management
- Cyberbullying
- Privacy
- Sexting

Please visit our Digital Citizenship site often for updated resources on the most current issues. Ask your children to share with you what they have learned about being a digital citizen. These are great conversations to have as a family to support your children as they learn to safely navigate the digital world.

Sincerely,

Principal  
<School Name>