

WATCHUNG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE REGARDING REMOTE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM, INFORMED CONTINUING CONSENT, AND AGREEMENT NOT TO RECORD

1. Notice Regarding Remote Instruction

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to the district's Restart and Recovery Plan, as affirmed by the Somerset County Education Office, and [Board Policy 1648](#), the district is using technology to facilitate synchronous and asynchronous learning through a hybrid instructional model. This model includes in-person and remote instruction through the district's computer network. In addition, the district has created a full-time remote option for families, pursuant to state guidance. The remote portions of the programs were established by the district's Superintendent of Schools pursuant to [Board Policy 2361 – ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTER NETWORKS/COMPUTERS AND RESOURCES](#), a copy of which can be found on the district website. Use of the district's computer network and other technology is governed by this policy.

2. Privacy, Security, and Confidentiality

Although the Watchung Borough School District has implemented reasonable technical safeguards, the district cannot and does not guarantee absolutely the privacy, security, or confidentiality of any communication sent or received over the Internet. There is a potential that emails, video, or other information, sent or received over the Internet can be intercepted, altered, forwarded, and/or read by others. The district is not responsible for communication that is lost due to technical failure during composition, transmission, or storage. In accordance with applicable laws, the district will not forward any student's personally identifiable information for any commercial purposes, or send any emails to independent third parties without your prior written consent, except as authorized or required by law. The district may be recording the "live" educational sessions and posting them on the Google Classroom, which is accessible to the students and parents in the class, the teacher, and the principal. If you are not comfortable with having your child participate in the "live" educational sessions through video, you should contact your school's principal.

3. Continuing Informed Consent

Pursuant to the above acceptable use policy, as your child's parent/caregiver, you have provided the district with a signed consent form for the 2020-21 school year through Genesis (the district's student database system), giving your child/children permission to use all of the technological resources available to them at the Watchung Borough School District. This notice clarifies that the district's hybrid and all-remote programs are covered within the terms of that consent. Your child/children's participation will be governed by the board's acceptable use policy.

4. Agreement Not to Record

In order to protect student confidentiality as required by state and federal laws and regulations, you agree not to make any audio and/or video recording(s) of the remote instructional sessions, including any digital capturing of any audio or video output of any of the remote instruction provided through the programs. Additionally, you agree not to permit any of your children or other household member(s) to make any such recording(s) or digital capture of any of the remote instruction provided through the programs,

without the express written permission of the district's superintendent. Again, the district may be recording the "live" educational sessions and posting them on the Google Classroom, which is accessible to the students and parents in the class, the teacher, and the principal. If you are not comfortable with having your child participate in the "live" educational sessions through video, you should contact your school's principal.