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**Subject: Important Information Regarding Chromebook Misuse and Safety**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We need your help addressing a serious concern regarding a dangerous trend that has emerged on the social media platform TikTok. This trend involves students intentionally inserting objects into the charging ports of their Chromebooks, with the intent of causing them to smoke or catch fire.

We have been made aware of an incident in one of our schools today in which a Chromebook was intentionally damaged in this manner. Thankfully, no one was injured. However, this behavior poses a significant safety risk to our students and staff and can also result in costly damage to school property.

We want to be absolutely clear: any student found to be intentionally damaging their Chromebook in this way, or any other manner, will be held fully responsible for the cost of repairing or replacing the entire device. Our school's insurance program does not cover intentional damage, and therefore, the financial burden of the repair or replacement will fall directly on the responsible student and their family.

Furthermore, any student caught engaging in this dangerous trend will face disciplinary action in accordance with the school's code of conduct.

The safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities. We urge you to speak with your child about the serious dangers and consequences associated with this type of behavior. Please emphasize the importance of using their Chromebooks responsibly and the potential harm that can result from such reckless actions.

We appreciate your help as we work to address the issue proactively by educating our students. Unfortunately, the TikTok challenges are sometimes copied without students realizing the safety implications. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Josh Taylor, Director of Technology