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Dear CCSD93 Parent,

CCSD93 is pleased to inform you that we will be introducing a variety of web-based learning platforms for our students to use. The platforms are typically accessed through websites. Their use in the classroom will enable CCSD93's teaching staff to provide students a more personalized educational experience.

While specific platforms will vary between schools and grade levels, the following are examples among the numerous platforms our teachers will be introducing:

- Code.org, which assists students in learning computer coding.
- Write About, which is a digital writing platform that enables students to share work and receive teacher feedback in real-time.
- Tinkercad, which is a student-friendly 3D design and 3D printing platform.

All platforms being introduced to students have been vetted by CCSD93's Educational Technology Committee to meet our strict requirements, and their use will be aligned with our curriculum. The platforms will be effective additions to the various methods and strategies currently used by our teaching staff to meet the individual learning needs of each CCSD93 student.

In order to use such platforms, students will create an account for each during class using their first name only and a password of their choosing. This information simply enables each platform to identify your child as a distinct user, and no further personal information will be provided. The platforms take many precautions in protecting student users.

The practice of CCSD93 approving vetted web-based platforms that require individual student accounts for classroom use is consistent with the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) recommendations for compliance with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

For a complete list of these platforms, please visit http://bit.do/D93Parents and select the *Student Web-Based Platforms* link. On that webpage, you will find links to the platforms themselves, as well as to their terms of use policies, which we invite you to review. As CCSD93-vetted platforms are added for student use, we will add their information to this website.

For more on the FTC's recommendations, visit http://bit.do/COPPAFTC. For more on COPPA, visit http://bit.do/COPPA. You can also find this information linked to the *Student Web-Based Platforms* link at http://bit.do/D93Parents. Please note the URLs listed here are case-sensitive.

If you have any questions or concerns, please to contact CCSD93's Department of Teaching, Learning & Innovation at 630-539-3155 or email mhoffman@ccsd93.com. Thank you for partnering with CCSD93 for your child's education.

Sincerely,

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