Dear Parents of school-aged children under the age of 13,

In order for schools within the Grosse Pointe Public Schools System (GPPSS) to continue to be able to provide your student with the most effective web-based tools and applications for learning, they need to abide by federal regulations that require a parental signature as outlined below.

Our district utilizes several computer software applications and web-based services, operated not by this school, but by third parties. These include Google Apps for Education (GAFE), Prezi, Animoto, Shelfari, Custom Typing, and similar educational programs. A complete list of the programs with the privacy policy for each can be found on our district website: [http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/Page/14285](http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/Page/14285).

In order for our students to use these programs and services, certain personal identifying information -- generally the student’s name and email address -- must be provided to the web site operator. Your student will receive a Google email account to participate in the Google Apps for Education program used by GPPSS. Under federal law entitled the *Children's Online Privacy Protection Act* (COPPA), these websites must provide parental notification and obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children under the age of 13. For more information on COPPA, please visit [https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/complying-coppa-frequently-asked-questions](https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/complying-coppa-frequently-asked-questions).

The law permits schools such as ours to consent to the collection of personal information on behalf of all of its students, thereby eliminating the need for individual parental consent given directly to the web site operator.

This form when completed below and on file with the district will constitute consent for our schools to provide personal identifying information for your child consisting of first name, last name, an email address and username. Check the OPT-IN box below. If you do not want your student to participate in these programs, select the OPT-OUT box below.

Student Name: _____________________________________________

[STUDENT ID #]: _____________________

Parent/Guardian Name (PLEASE PRINT): ____________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: _________________________________________________

OPT-IN___ OPT-OUT___ Date: ________________________

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