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Below is a summary of Ohio Senate Bill 29 (“SB29”), which was passed by the Ohio General Assembly and goes into effect on October 24, 2024. This bill addresses how school districts and their technology providers can electronically access and monitor certain features of student school-issued devices.

**Four County Career Center**  
**General Notice of Monitoring or Accessing Student Activity on**  
**School-Issued Devices**  
*Ohio Revised Code §3319.327*

*This notice is provided to meet requirements implemented through Ohio Senate Bill 29 (“SB29”) that was passed by the Ohio General Assembly, effective on October 24, 2024.*

While students have no right or expectation of privacy when using District technology resources, Four County Career Center (also referred to as the “District”) and certain third-party technology providers that provide services through a contract with the District are prohibited by state law from electronically accessing or monitoring certain features on school-issued devices provided to students unless a legally permissible exception exists. The prohibited features include location-tracking features of a school-issued device, audio or visual receiving, transmitting, or recording feature of a school-issued device, and student interactions with a school-issued device, including, but not limited to, keystrokes and web-browsing activity. School-issued devices are defined as any hardware, software, devices or accounts that a school district provides to an individual student for that student’s personal use.

Four County Career Center is required to annually provide parents and guardians with this general notice that informs you the District and its technology providers plans to electronically access or monitor your student’s school-issued devices for the following permissible reasons:

1. Activity that is limited to non-commercial educational purposes for instruction, technical support, or exam proctoring by school district employees or staff contracted by the District. *Teachers may monitor students as they work on assignments during class to ensure they are staying on task.*

2. Pursuant to a judicial warrant. *The District is required to comply with a lawfully issued warrant that directs the District, technology providers or law enforcement to conduct a search of data.*
3. Notification or awareness that the student-issued District device is lost or stolen. *This might occur if the District becomes aware that a student's device is lost or stolen, in which case the District or technology provider might access and monitor data to discover when and where the device last interacted with the District's systems.*
4. Activity is necessary to respond to a threat to life or safety. The access is limited to this purpose alone. *For instance, the District may receive alerts about possible self-harm indicators on student devices that prompt an investigation which involves access or monitoring student data. The District implements other protocols such as contacting parents/guardians and/or first responders.*
5. Compliance with federal and/or state laws. *The District may be required to comply with a law that places an obligation on the District to access or monitor devices.*
6. Required as part of a federal or state funding program. *For example, to comply with the requirements of the Federal E-Rate funding programs, the District filters all student Internet access pursuant to the Children's Internet Protection Act. This includes filtering materials that are obscene, objectionable, inappropriate, and/or harmful to minors.*

This electronic monitoring can only occur when advance notice is provided. No further notice is required for the District to monitor under reason #1. In the event that one of the circumstances listed in reasons #2 - #6 occurs, the District will provide you with a 72-hour notice of what features of the device were accessed, a written description of the circumstance, and description of the threat, if any. If the notice itself could pose a threat to life or safety, the 72-hour notice will be provided within 72-hours after the threat has ended.

Thank you,

Four County Career Center Administration and Technology Departments