Dear Parents,

Considering recent events on Long Island and around the country that involved students and the inappropriate use of technology, it is important that the district reiterate our Code of Conduct and Internet Use Agreement with our school community. Please take the time to look back over these documents and be sure to discuss them with your children:

The Levittown Union Free School District provides all students and staff access to a wide range of computer resources for the advancement of teaching and learning. The district considers student access to a computer network, including the Internet, to be a powerful and valuable educational and research tool, and encourages the use of computers and computer-related technology in district classrooms for the purpose of advancing and promoting learning and teaching.

However, with access to people from all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. It is impossible to control all materials therefore a user may discover controversial information, either by accident or deliberately. The District relies and expects all users to conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, professional and decent manner while using the District computers. Please be sure your child is aware of the appropriate use of the internet while utilizing the district website.

The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of end users who must adhere to the guidelines listed under Internet terms and conditions. These guidelines, which require efficient, ethical and legal utilization of our network resources, are available on our website so that everyone is aware of their responsibilities. If a Levittown School District user violates any of these provisions his or her account will be terminated and future access can be denied.

The sending, receiving or forwarding of sexually provocative language, images, nude or nearly nude photos and /or videos through text message, email or other digital means is prohibited. In cases where a student engages in such conduct, and school officials have reason to believe the images involved constitute child pornography, a referral will be made to the appropriate law enforcement officials.

If students receive unsolicited inappropriate material, they should immediately inform their parents or school officials. Receiving inappropriate material and not alerting the appropriate personnel is a violation of the code of conduct and in certain cases the law.

Please follow these links for the entire versions of the <u>District Code of Conduct</u> and the <u>Student</u> <u>Use of Computerized Information Resources (Acceptable Use Policy)</u> Thank you for your cooperation,