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Dear Parents:

Jordan School District is committed to providing the best educational experience possible to its students and community. A significant part of this goal is in the field of technology and the programs and services to which both teachers and students have access in order to further their educational success. Consequently, Jordan School District has been working on a project to effectively make available a much-requested service called Google Apps. We are excited to offer your student and our staff use of this latest innovation in educational technology.

The Google Apps program for education provides many valuable services to students and teachers that are offered free of charge through Google.com. These services include such things as Google Docs, a free suite of software for the creation of word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation files. One of the greatest features of this service is that it enables documents to be shared among users, allowing viewing and editing simultaneously between all included participants. Best of all, these features are available to students via the Internet, regardless of their location, whether at school, home, or elsewhere. Students may gain access to Internet-enabled computers at various locations and times throughout their respective schools. To do so, they should contact one of their teachers or school administrators.

Google Apps is being implemented on a gradual basis at each of the District's elementary schools. Not all students in those grades will have immediate access to all Google features. When access is provided, students will receive instruction from their teachers regarding how to log in to Google services via a restricted-access email address and password.

Internet Safety is a priority for Jordan School District. As such, you will want to be aware that education and training are provided to both students and teachers regarding proper Internet etiquette and methods to ensure a safe browsing experience. The District also provides filters to help ensure that the Internet sites accessed by anyone using the District network are appropriate to education.

As with any electronic resource provided to students by Jordan School District, all activity within the Google Apps environment, including the use of student email accounts, falls under the governance of Jordan School District's Acceptable Use Policy AA445 (<http://policymanual.jordandistrict.org/policies/aa445.html>). This policy and the required acknowledgement form were provided to you and your student in the online registration information you reviewed during the summer.

We believe that the implementation of Google Apps is yet another way in which Jordan School District sets itself apart as a provider of a high-quality educational experience, contributing to the overall success of your student. Thank you for your continuing support in these efforts. If you have further questions regarding this, please feel free to contact your respective school administration.

Sincerely,



Superintendent of Schools