



## CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Over the past few weeks there have been incidents reported in the news of young people engaging in unsafe behavior involving the internet, one incident most recently involving a young person in Canton.

I am writing to remind you how you can keep your children safe on the internet. As parents and educators, we can teach our children to avoid the hazards on the internet.

As a parent, you can:

- Spend time with your children on-line. Visit their favorite sites.
- Keep the computer in a common room in the house, not in your child's bedroom.
- Establish computer use guidelines. Agree on the amount of time that the computer may be used for homework or communicating with friends.
- Use parental controls provided by your service provider and/or blocking software.
- Maintain access to your child's on-line accounts and randomly check his/her e-mail, buddy lists, and blog profiles.
- Be sure your child follows your house safety rules even if they are at another site with internet access.
- Check your child's internet history button.

A number of websites give parents useful safety tips for internet use. You can find various websites by logging on to our Canton Public Schools website - [www.cantonschools.org](http://www.cantonschools.org).

Our children today can log on to the internet from home, school, library, and cell phones. A world of knowledge is open to them to communicate and discover the world around them. By working with you as partners, I am hopeful we will be able to keep our children safe while at the same time allowing them to utilize this usefully technology available at their fingertips.

Sincerely yours,

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