



April 9, 2020

Dear School District of Whitefish Bay Families,

We hope you are all doing well and are staying safe and healthy. We are excited to begin our daily Virtual Learning Time (VLT) implementation beginning on April 13th, 2020. During our VLT trial dates a few items have come to our attention that require our families help.

When students are on our physical District facilities and on District devices, we have many monitoring and filtering safeguards in place to help our students be cyber safe and secure. If your students have a District device at home that they are utilizing in the VLT environment, they do contain monitoring and filtering applications. However, we still recommend an adult monitoring device activity. No matter how much we monitor or adjust to hackers in any program, there is always a potential of “getting around” our security measures.

Many of our students are using home laptops, iPads, etc... This is great, since we are not a one-to-one District. We would like to remind families that securing your personal devices for day to day student use is VERY important to avoid inappropriate content and materials. Our technology department has always maintained a **Family Technology** site meant to empower families to better understand their students' use of technology, the laws surrounding that use, and to make personal decisions about technology use as a family. There is a section about monitoring and filtering. We also recommend [Common Sense Media's Parental Control Site](#). If you haven't been there before, it could really help parents in making the best possible choices for your family.

The District will be providing a survey to collect family input regarding the VLT experience around April 27. Just a reminder, **Daily VLT in WFB will begin Monday, April 13, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.** Keep checking our VLT webpage- [VLT District Website](#) where all of this information and other updates will be posted. Please, keep in mind that this unprecedented situation continues to change and we will do our best to keep families up to date with the latest information available through our [Coronavirus District Webpage](#).

Sincerely,

Maria Kucharski, Director of Teaching and Learning Services