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Dear Principals,

As you surely know, the internet offers students many educational benefits to support students in all academic areas. Along with the many benefits come some significant risks. Fortunately, positive educational strategies exist for educating students and parents about safe uses of the internet.

We are implementing a new initiative for Internet Safety for the benefit of our students. This initiative will include both a parent education and student education component. This letter contains information about the *Parent* Internet Safety materials. Teacher materials will be forwarded to schools during January.

We are asking each principal to take initiative in promoting Internet Safety at your school by taking the necessary steps to educate parents and students on the topic of Internet Safety. To support you in these efforts, we are providing Internet Safety materials to all principals for use with parents and students. We have selected the **Netsmartz** materials, created by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, for use in our schools.

We ask that you include the topic of Internet Safety at a parent meeting at your school this year. We are providing the necessary materials for this presentation. We ask that you or another school representative use this PowerPoint presentation at a school meeting, to which all parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

Enclosed with this letter is the following:

1. A cd which contains the **Netsmartz Parents** PowerPoint presentation.
2. A printed script to read during the presentation
3. A sample parent meeting invitation letter
4. A parent Internet Safety resources handout

We believe that there is nothing more important than the safety of the children entrusted to your care. We thank you for all you do to create a safe atmosphere in your schools.

Sincerely,

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