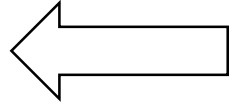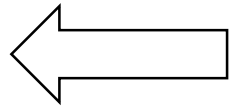# INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

1. DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING YOUR CHILD'S IDENTITY PROTECTED ONLINE. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO SHARE AS LITTLE PERSONAL INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE. FOR EXAMPLE, IN PICTURES, DISCOURAGE YOUR CHILD FROM CHOOSING A PICTURE FOR THEIR PROFILE THAT SHOWS WHAT SCHOOL THEY ATTEND.
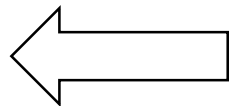
2. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNTS (CELL PHONES, TABLETS, COMPUTER, AND ANY OTHER SMART DEVICE) — LINK ACCOUNTS WHEN POSSIBLE.

3. DISCUSS YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL FOOTPRINT AND REPUTATION WITH THEM- REMIND THEM THAT ONCE SOMETHING IS POSTED, IT CAN BE SCREENSHOTTED AND/OR SAVED EVEN AFTER YOU DELETE IT.
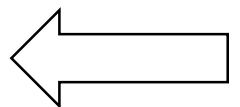
4. DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF USING RELIABLE RESOURCES WHEN RESEARCHING INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS. DISCUSS PLAGIARISM AND THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING CREDIT WHERE IT IS DUE.

5. TEACH YOUR CHILD TO ADVOCATE FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHERS IN REGARD TO CYBER BULLYING. ENCOURAGE THEM TO REPORT ANY INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT TO YOU, AND BE SUPPORTIVE WHEN THEY DO. INTERVENE IF AND WHEN NECESSARY.

6. MODEL SAFE TECHNOLOGY PRACTICES. PUT UP AD BLOCKERS AND DOWNLOAD ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE. SHOW YOUR CHILD KEYWORDS TO SEARCH AND SAFE SEARCH ENGINES TO USE.

7. LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF SCREEN TIME. ENCOURAGE IN PERSON SOCIAL INTERACTION WITH YOUR CHILD AND MODEL THAT BEHAVIOR. CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A "CUT OFF" TIME AT HOME FOR TECHNOLOGY/ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

8. DOWNLOAD AND EXPLORE THE APPS YOUR CHILD IS USING. FOLLOW YOUR CHILD ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MONITOR THEIR FOLLOWERS. BLOCK/REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACCOUNTS.