To Parents and Guardians of Children and Youth in the Tri Cities,

This letter represents a combined commitment from community agencies, municipalities and the School District to keep our children and youth safe in our communities. Please take note of the agencies represented at the top of this page who have committed to come together to take action. We will be pooling our resources, knowledge and data in a collective effort to share the responsibility for the safety of our children with parents and guardians, because together we are stronger.

Over the next several months, these agencies will be meeting regularly to improve and increase communication with families and between families in the Tri Cities. We will provide parents and guardians with information and links in the following areas:

- Online safety – how to block unwanted messages, how to see where your child has been online, appropriate posting and chatting
- Computer safety – how to access computer history, report inappropriate comments, and block sites
- Criminal behavior – who to report to and when to report

To ensure parents and students have a trusted source for information, schools will be reviewing emergency situation communications. There will be easy access for information on bullying and bad play, as well as tips and ideas for parents who find themselves in challenging situations with their children. We believe all of these actions will strengthen our children to grow and develop into healthy, contributing adults living in and leading our communities.

We know that the agencies represented here do not reflect the total number of caring community members and businesses. Future communications to parents will outline some ideas to involve private agencies which wish to be a part of this forward thinking action plan. Please watch for more information on this important community initiative.

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