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*Michael Spence  
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction*

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Bethpage Union Free School District has an advance computer network in place in all five schools. The District appreciates the educational value of providing students access to the computer network, including access to the Internet. These are critical educational and research tools for students and staff in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

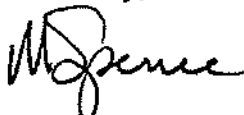
By law, we are required to provide an Internet filter to block objectionable materials. The District subscribes to the Palo Alto filtering system, considered to be among the most reliable filters available to school and corporations. The filtering system updates on a daily basis. However, no filter can guarantee foolproof security in the area. You should know that we have had no serious issues regarding access to objectionable materials.

The District has an Acceptable Use Policy in place. It outlines the appropriate use of the District's computer network and guidelines for student use. That policy is available online at our website: [http://www.bethpagecommunity.com/departments/technology\\_bethpage](http://www.bethpagecommunity.com/departments/technology_bethpage). According to this policy, inappropriate use of computers will result in the loss of this privilege. Violations that are more serious may result in disciplinary action.

I have included the above information to ensure that your decision regarding access to the District's computer network is an informed one. If you wish to exclude your child from using computers at school, please return the enclosed form to me.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at the phone number or email address listed above.

Sincerely,



Michael Spence  
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Do NOT allow my child to use computers while in school.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian (Print name)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Return this form to: Bethpage Schools  
Attention: Mr. Michael Spence  
10 Cherry Avenue  
Bethpage, NY 11714

**\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\***

**RETURN THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR  
CHILD TO USE COMPUTERS IN SCHOOL**