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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Bow School District Technology Committee has recommended the nationally known i-SAFE Inc. program to provide a prevention oriented Internet safety education curriculum for students in grades K-12. Mrs. Brewster will pilot the i-SAFE, Inc. program to enhance Internet Safety education at Bow Elementary School beginning in December.

i-SAFE Inc. is a government funded non-profit foundation whose mission is to educate and empower youth with the ability and awareness of their online personal safety and responsible use of its resources.

The integrated teaching and learning activities are age appropriate and vary from grade to grade. The core topics discussed in the i-SAFE curriculum that we will focus on at the elementary school level include:

Grades Kindergarten-Grade 2:

Cyber Community Citizenship: Compares the cyber community to the physical community with a focus on cyber citizenship and safety rules.

Personal Safety: Recognizing online communication dangers like revealing personal information online and reinforcing adult guidance when on the internet.

Grades 3 will focus on the above plus the following:

Intellectual Property: Introducing the understanding of legal and ethical behaviors related to information and technology such as copyright, plagiarism-citing work used, etc.

Grade 4 will focus on the above plus the following:

Cyber Bullying: Focuses on online etiquette and identifying and responding to cyber bullying.

We believe that this curriculum is necessary to protect and empower our students and hope that you can offer your support to this program by continuing the discussion of these topics at home. Should you have any additional questions, please contact Mrs. Kim Brewster at kbrewster@bownet.org .

For more information about i-SAFE visit www.isafe.org.

Thank you!