



# BRECKSVILLE-BROADVIEW HTS. CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Resumed Use of Zoom with Following Best Practices for Secure Online Video Learning and Resources

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Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

The purpose of this email is to communicate that the devoted members of our Technology team have spent the last several days thoroughly researching enhanced and newly released Zoom security measures and alternative video conferencing tools in light of last week's Board of Education meeting when the District immediately halted all use of this particular platform. Emerging new security tools from Zoom have been made available for use as well, even in the last several days.

After this in-depth, comprehensive evaluation of alternative video conferencing options and the investigation of best practices for maintaining safe environments for student video conferencing was conducted, teachers may resume use of Zoom meetings after consulting with, and abiding by [The Best Practices for Secure Zoom meetings](#). This guide has been prepared and posted by our Technology team.

The [Parent and Student Guide to Using Zoom](#) has also been prepared for our families and staff members, to give them a better understanding of the security settings in the Zoom conferencing tool, and how those settings are being used to protect students.

The creation of these thorough but easy-to-understand resources regarding Zoom security, plus the continued engagement between our Technology team and our District staff should help ensure that everyone remains safe and secure in their respective online video conferencing environments.

Thank you to the school community for giving the District an opportunity to halt the use of Zoom video conferencing in order to conduct this review and to compile these essential resources now available to staff, students and parents. What took place at last week's meeting was the disgraceful, criminal and deliberate action of one human being and not the failure of technology.

Please take time to carefully review the [Best Practices for Secure Zoom meetings](#) and the [Parent and Student Guide to Using Zoom](#) before your next online video learning session. As always, you can contact the Technology Department at any time with questions or concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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