Dear Parent or Guardian,

Please read the following carefully before signing the Internet Access Agreement Form on the reverse side of this letter.

We are pleased to announce the availability of full Internet access in the Salem School District. The benefit of being connected to the Internet is that it expands our students' access to resources, including original source material from all over the world. It brings information, data, images, and computer software from around the globe almost instantaneously to the classroom. Access to these resources can involve students in individual and group projects, cross-cultural collaborations, and idea-sharing not found in schools that lack Internet access.

Internet access also makes possible contact with people all over the world, bringing into the classroom experts in every content area and counterparts in other schools. Our Internet connection can become a valuable resource for others as well.

Computer networks can be a great motivator for students, and their use encourages the kind of independence and autonomy which we believe is important for students to achieve in their learning process. Because the Internet is blind to class, race, gender, age, and disability, it is a valuable means for addressing the needs of all students.

While the benefits of the Internet are enormous, parents need to be aware that the Internet is an open system which contains pockets of material that many people might find offensive. We cannot absolutely guarantee that your son or daughter will not encounter text, pictures, or references that are objectionable, but we can assure you that your son or daughter will only access Internet resources while under the direct supervision of a professional staff member. We ask for your assistance in developing responsible attitudes and reinforcing appropriate behaviors on the Internet.

Attached is a copy of the User Responsibilities and User Guidelines which have been developed to govern and guide the use of all computer related technology in the Salem School District, including the Internet. Please read them thoroughly, and discuss them with your son or daughter. After you have read the enclosed material carefully please indicate on the attached Internet Access Agreement Form whether or not permission is granted. It is necessary for you to sign, date, and return the said Agreement for access to either be given or denied your student.

Sincerely,

George E. Morris,
Director of Information Technology
(603) 893-7078
INTERNET ACCESS AGREEMENT FORM

I understand and will abide by the terms and conditions for Internet access in the Salem School District. I further understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action may be taken.

Student Name: (please print) ______________________________________________
Student Signature: ______________________________________________
Date: ______________________________________________

As the Parent or Guardian I have read the terms and conditions for Internet access in the Salem School District. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and the School District has taken reasonable precautions to prevent access of inappropriate material. However, I also recognize that it is impossible to prevent access to all inappropriate materials and I will therefore not hold the Salem School District responsible for materials viewed, acquired, or communicated on the Internet or private accounts accessed. I understand that if my son/daughter should commit any violation, his/her access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action may be taken.

Please check one of the following:

_____ I give permission for my son/daughter to access the resources of the Internet under the attached Guidelines.

_____ I do not give permission for my son/daughter to access the resources of the Internet under the attached Guidelines.

Parent/Guardian Name: (please print) _______________________________________
Signature: _______________________________________
Date: _______________________________________