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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As part of the revision to the curriculum for the 2020-21 School Year, Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) opened *YouTube* for students in grades K-2. *YouTube* is an open access video service affording HCPS students access to engaging video content which can support your child's learning during our distance learning model.

Carefully reviewed video links in *YouTube* were selected by certified teachers and endorsed by the content supervisor to support the learning resources in the curriculum and are housed in the itslearning learning management system. Students do not need to create individual accounts to access *YouTube* content.

While content supervisors and certified teachers reviewed the content in *YouTube* for its educational purposes, *YouTube* is an open platform where students could obtain other content. Through simple searches, students may have access to content other than what was vetted through the content supervisor and the certified teacher.

HCPS realizes some families may not wish to have their child(ren) access or use *YouTube*. Please contact your child's teacher should you have any questions regarding *YouTube* links in the curriculum as he or she is working with your child this school year. He or she will be able to assist you with alternative learning options where *YouTube* may be used in his/her instructional lessons.

Thank you,

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