**MCCPTA SAFE TECHNOLOGY UPDATES**

Here is the net result of HB1110: 1.) This set of [best practices](http://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Documents/ITSLM/Health_and_Safety_Best_Practice_Guidelines_Digital_Devices.pdf), and 2.) this [video](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/ITSLM/HealthSafetyBestPractices.aspx).

I encourage everyone to take a look, print out the best practices and share with your school officials. Please note: all of this was shared, by mandate from MSDE, with all MCPS teachers and administrators in October.

AS WE SPEAK, I am working with the Chief Curricululm Officer, along with a number of teachers and MCPS administrators, to create our own Best Practices that 'one-up' MSDE's. They will be ready in March and there will be teacher training attached to this effort.

Similarly, we are working with the CTO, along with multiple stakeholders, on revising the personal mobile device carrying policy. All due this spring.

What can you do NOW: advocate at your school(s) for your tech preferences. For example, I told my son's teachers that we like paper assignments and if any 'free time' on computers is given to kids, to let me know and I will send him to school with something else to do. This gets the message across and benefits the rest of the students, as well. Free time on Chromebooks and cell phones is NOT permitted, as per MCPS regs. No teacher should be 'awarding' kids with device time. If yours is (and this bothers you), intervene; tell your teachers what your expectations are.

As for the routers, Laura, please contact Pete Cevenini to find out make/model. Or I can ask at our meeting with him next week. Email me offline if you want me to do that.

I hope this helps. I wish we have the power and authority to flip the switch to ensure all tech use is productive and safe, but all we can do is advocate and inform — our kids', their teachers, and each other.

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