SOLVAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Acceptable Computer and Internet Use Policy for Elementary Students

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

The Solvay Union Free School District provides online access to students, faculty, and staff as part of the district's instructional program. We believe that this access offers valid, diverse, and unique resources, which include the latest technology and information available throughout the world. Our goal is to promote educational excellence by providing opportunities for students and teachers to share, innovate, and communicate with others. Most of the district's online resources are web based. All students, teachers, and staff use them as an educational resource.

The district runs an Internet filtration system called X-STOP on all online computers. This brings the district into compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act by certifying that the district is taking active steps to prevent students from gaining access to visual depictions that are inappropriate or content that is of noneducational value. Students must sign and return the "Acceptable Computer and Internet Use Agreement and Acknowledgement of Responsibilities for Elementary Students" to the school principal, before computer and Internet access will be approved.

Safety on the Internet is just like everyday safety. You wouldn't walk up to strangers and tell them everything about yourself. You also wouldn't go into unfamiliar neighborhoods without permission. If you learn and use the following safety tips, you will enjoy your time on the Internet much more.

- 1. I will be a good online citizen, be polite, and not do anything that hurts other people or is against the law.
- 2. I will tell my teacher right away if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable.
- 3. I will not type swear words or bad words.
- 4. I will not give out my computer password to anyone, even my best friends.
- 5. I understand that the use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. The primary purpose of the school's network is educational, and takes precedence over all other uses. Inappropriate use will result in cancellation of that privilege.

Please discuss this agreement with your child. Then sign and return the last page to your child's teacher, either by mail, fax, or with your child. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher either using this sheet or by phone.

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We have read and reviewed the rules of using computers and accessing the Internet at school with our child(ren). I give the school permission to create a computer user account for my child that allows them access to online educational resources.

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Student ID#: _____