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Caledonia Community Schools

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Dear Caledonia Community Schools parents and guardians,

We hope you're staying safe and healthy during this time. We're writing today to let you know about an upcoming opportunity to learn and engage in an important discussion with our CCS community and our students.

On Thursday, December 10, CCS will be hosting a virtual, facilitated discussion about "<u>The Social Dilemma</u>" a documentary film that premiered on Netflix this year, illuminating the consequences of social networking on our society. The film features tech professionals, researchers, and activists who are working to align technology with the best interests of humanity.

As COVID-19 constrains us indoors and we're spending more time online than ever before we believe it's important for our students to gain a better understanding of how social media platforms work and how they might be impacting our thinking, our emotions, and our relationships. We believe this is a critical discussion to have as a school community and within individual families.

We are encouraging families to watch the documentary together over the Thanksgiving break. If your family does not have a Netflix account, the district will be streaming an educational screening of the film in early December. Please watch for detailed information to be released soon.

Please plan to join us on **Thursday**, **December 10**, from **7 p.m.- 8 p.m.** as we host a facilitated discussion via Zoom with local panelists including:

CHS Students

Dr. Brittany Barber-Garcia, Adolescent Psychologist

- Ms. Jennifer Hacht, Caledonia Babble co-administrator
- Dr. Brandy Lovelady-Mitchell, KISD Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Dr. Dedrick Martin, Superintendent
- Mr. Chris McKenna, Founder of Protect Young Eyes

Participants will have the opportunity to pose questions for our expert panel during the event.

We look forward to engaging with you and your family about this important topic!

Dr. Dedrick Martin Superintendent Wendy Dubuisson Director of Special Programs Katie Dorband Student Supports Coordinator

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