

March 2020

Hello **Dakota Ridge High School** Families,

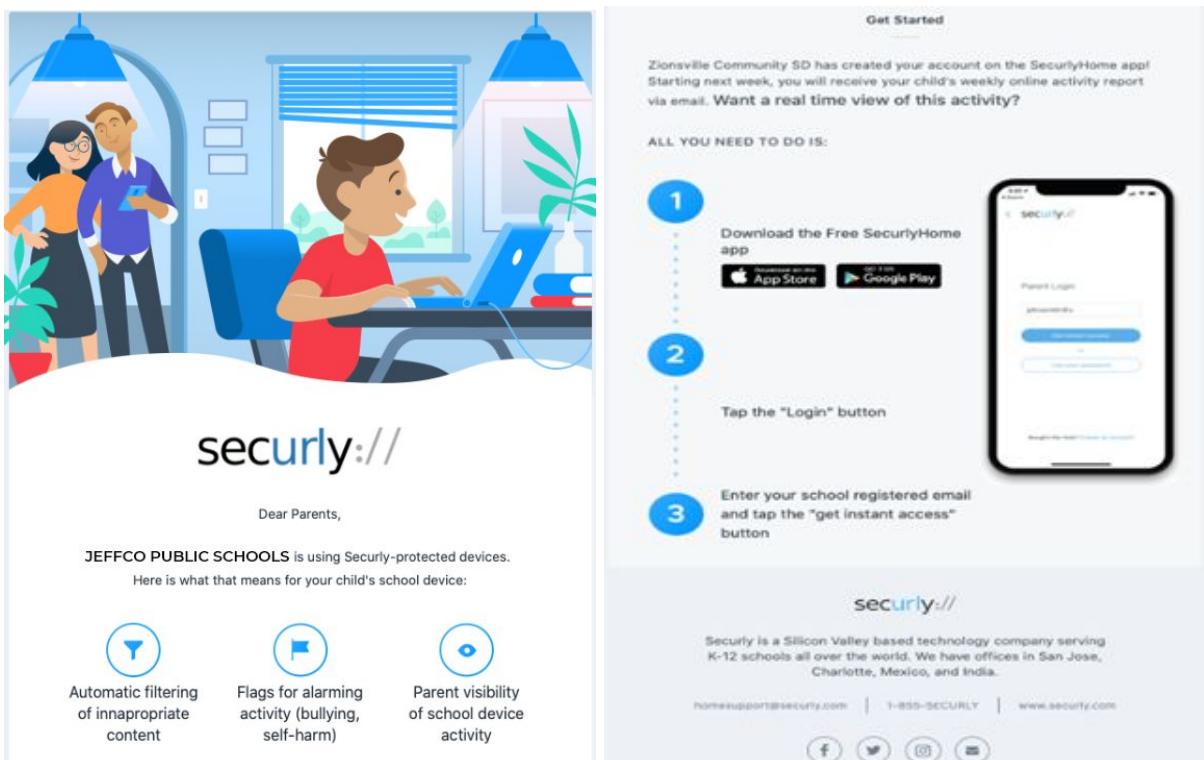
After launching the district-wide TechForEd program this fall, the district is now providing families with the ability to monitor and control their student's internet and app activity on district devices at home using the free **SecurlyHome app**.

While Jeffco Public Schools uses a Palo Alto firewall to monitor and filter activity and content for students when they are in school, Securly manages the filtering for school-issued devices when they are away from school.

The **SecurlyHome app** offers parents the ability to both monitor and control students' internet activity outside of the Jeffco Public Schools network. The **ability to monitor activity will be released the week of March 16 and the ability to control (turn off and on) categories of applications will be released a few weeks later in early April.**

If your student's device is eligible for this program, during the week of March 16 you will receive a welcome email asking you to download the **SecurlyHome app** and to create an account.

The welcome email will be similar to the one below:



Once you create a parent account, you will have a real-time view of your child's activity on their school device. You will also get a weekly email from Securly with a snapshot report of that activity and will be able to check your student's internet activity anytime during the day.

Keep in mind that no web filter is perfect and there is the risk of inappropriate content making its way through the filter. Securly does catch and filter a majority of traffic categorized as pornography, drugs, and gambling. However, active monitoring while communicating your expectations and boundaries clearly with your children is the best way to keep them safe online. Our hope is that the SecurlyHome app will help you in this process.

As a reminder, ***District Policy JS – Student Use of District Computing Resources and the Internet*** states that there should be no expectation of privacy when using district-issued devices. You should also remember that Securly is not only active when students are connected to home networks, but also when connected to hotspots and public networks such as those offered at Starbucks, McDonalds, etc.

For more information, visit [our district website page](#) or [read the SecurlyHome App Getting Started Guide](#). If you have questions, please contact our TechForEd School Lead, **Robin Luster / robin.luster@jeffco.k12.co.us**

Thank you,

Dr. James Jelinek

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