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Dear Caledonia Families,

We want to make you aware of an email scam that has recently targeted some students and staff in districts across Kent County, including Kent ISD programs like the Kent Career Tech Center. We have learned that this scam has now been seen within the Caledonia Community Schools email system as well. **While not all students or families have received this email, we want to ensure everyone remains informed and vigilant.**

The original scam email in another local Kent County district was sent from a spoofed student email account and falsely promoted a summer job opportunity through a Google form. Once the form was completed and submitted with personal information, scammers contacted recipients using intimidation tactics to attempt to solicit money or gift cards.

If you or your student received one of these emails and completed the form:

- **Report it** to your local law enforcement office.
- **Do not send** money, gift cards, or provide additional information.
- **Save all communication** with the scammers and take screenshots of any messages or call logs.
- **Block the sender** on all platforms they used to contact you, but do not delete the messages.
- **Contact your bank** if any financial information was shared.

Our IT department, along with others across the county, are actively working to mitigate this issue. The compromised email account in the other district has been identified, and many of the scam emails that had not yet been opened were retracted. **If you or your student did not receive this email, no action is needed, but we encourage everyone to stay alert to potential scams.** If you did receive it but did not complete the form, please report it as phishing and delete the message.

Online Safety Reminders:

To help protect yourself and your student from scams like this, please keep these safety tips in mind:

- **Verify the sender:** Always double-check the email address, especially if the email asks for personal information.
- **Be cautious with offers:** If something seems too good to be true, it likely is.
- **Think before you click:** Avoid clicking links or opening attachments from unknown or suspicious sources.
- **Report suspicious emails:** If in doubt, report any questionable emails to our IT team or school administration.

Thank you for your continued diligence in keeping our students and community safe online.

Sincerely,

CCS Administration