

Memo

To: Media Outlets Serving Melrose Residents
From: Joseph F. Casey, Superintendent of Schools
Date: August 25, 2011
Re: Melrose School Committee Social Media Policy

The Melrose School Committee invites the public to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in the Melrose High School Resource Center. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the uses and abuses of social media/online relationships between students and staff.

This meeting is after school so that principals, teachers, administrators, parents, etc. can come and talk about the issue before the School Committee begins work on a policy. The policy itself has to be broad enough to allow good uses, while also outlining inappropriate uses, and it has to be technology independent to accommodate the future. There will be administrative procedures written, which will include more detail for implementing the policy, and those will incorporate ideas that come from this meeting as well.

Please view the documents (Social Media Policy and Social Media Sources) that are posted on the school's website, <http://www.melroseschools.com/msc/pp/index.cfm> that give some background in this area. Anyone is welcome to submit additional resources that would be helpful, by sending them to Kristin Thorp, Policy and Planning Subcommittee Chair at kthorp@melrose.mec.edu prior to the meeting date.