

SAI Winter 2019 Elementary Principal Mentor/Mentee Scenarios

SCENARIO 1 - Your school provides fourth and fifth grade students with email accounts. Parents are notified ahead of time. This afternoon you learn from a teacher, Ms. Brown, that one of your fourth graders, Trenton, sent a photo of his ninth grade brother's genitals to approximately 15 other students at your elementary school last night. Trenton's brother took the selfie, which Trenton accidentally found and subsequently emailed to classmates without his brother's knowledge. Many of the students forwarded the email to Ms. Brown, their classroom teacher, because they didn't know what else to do. All of the emails were sent and received on the school district's email system.

What steps would you take in handling this situation? What parties would you involve?

What actions would you take to correct Trenton's behavior?

SCENARIO 2 – Some of your teachers have Twitter accounts for both professional use and personal use. You are aware that a number of the teachers tweet about what they are doing in class during the day, and a large group of parents follow along. During the middle of the afternoon on an otherwise uneventful day your administrative assistant, who is a follower on quite a few of the accounts, shares a few troubling tweets (say that five times fast) from Mrs. C., who is a third grade teacher in your building. Some of Mrs. C.'s tweets include:

Bored to death.

Kids driving me crazy today.

It's late, and some of the kids' medicine is wearing off. Help!

How would you handle this situation?

What social media restrictions would you recommend putting on staff members during the school day? What restrictions might you recommend placing upon staff members during personal time?