CONSENT
To the use of Cloud Technologies

This form asks for your consent in allowing your child to use specific district-approved cloud* services and applications where consent is required to comply with privacy regulations. *Cloud technologies are online (internet-based) and developed and hosted by independent providers.

Cloud applications as learning tools

The use of online, digital technology in education has recently seen significant growth. Educators, students, and their families are increasingly using cloud tools and applications ("apps") to enhance instruction and to share and communicate learning that occurs anytime, anywhere, and on any device platform. Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools supports the use of cloud applications by educators and students where they are used safely and effectively to improve instruction and learning outcomes. The district implements a comprehensive and ongoing approval process of cloud applications. This process ensures that applications approved by the district align with our educational standards and that they meet the relevant district and provincial standards of privacy. The review process includes evaluating how data is collected, used, and disclosed to ensure personal information is protected. We also ensure that the use of the application meets the requirements set out under the province's privacy legislation before it is approved for use.

Consent is required when data is stored outside Canada

BC's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) protects the rights of individuals to privacy and prevents the school district from releasing personal information about you and your family to anyone outside the district, unless the district receives authorization from you. FIPPA also states that the district must ensure that personal information in its custody or under its control is stored and accessed only in Canada. If an application stores personal information outside of Canada (e.g., in a secure data centre in the United States), the district must take the following steps:

- Inform parents about the application and the type of personal information involved in its use;
- Refer parents to further information about the application's privacy policies; and
- Obtain parents' signed consent for their children's information to be stored by the application.

The following page lists the current district-approved online applications and platforms that store data outside of Canada, along with links to their descriptions and the district's assessments of privacy impact of each tool.

This year, your consent is required before your child can use any of these applications. To facilitate the collection of consent, we are only requesting a single consent from you that will allow your child to use any of these district-approved tools that their teacher may use during this school year. Please note that while this list includes all the district-approved applications and platforms that require parental consent, not every application listed will be used by

your teacher this year. You are encouraged to discuss with your child's teacher the specific apps on this list that they intend to use in the classroom.

Please take the time to read the following information carefully and indicate your intent below. If you have any questions, please call Dale Burgos, Executive Director of Communications, Privacy & Community Engagement at 250 741-5273.

Microsoft 356 A3 (Education)

- The Microsoft 365 A3 suite includes applications and services that support secure collaboration, communication, productivity, file storage and other tasks within the education realm. MS 365 also includes Teams, the district's approved digital audio and video conferencing platform.

- MS 365 A3 is a core requirement for most other cloud tools used by the district, giving each student a personalized cloud userID and password that offers them secure, single sign-on to multiple applications where a login is required for access. This reduces the need for multiple usernames and passwords, helping to improve security and privacy.

- Microsoft Home Use Program is an Office subscription discount program offered to students and staff of the district – more details will be provided through your school this year.

- Most of the MS 365 apps store their data in Microsoft's Canadian data centres; a few however, store data in their data centres outside Canada, e.g., userIDs and names.

Google Workspace for Education

- NLPS uses Google Workspace (formerly 'Google Suite for Education'), a set of education productivity tools from Google including Gmail, Calendar, Docs, Classroom. Students use their Google Workspace accounts to complete assignments, communicate with their teachers and sign into their Chromebooks.

- Google Workspace for Education employs stricter protection measures over its collection, use, and disclosure of personal information than its consumer offering.

In addition to the two main platforms above, the district has approved the following applications for classroom use with parental consent. You are encouraged to discuss with your child's teacher the specific apps on this list that they intend to use in the classroom.

Desmos	ESL Library	Quizlet
IXL	Nearpod	Scratch
Khan Academy	Newsela	Sketch Up
Book Creator	Padlet	Storyboard That
TextHelp Read & Write	Adblock	Nimbus
Vernier	CSFirst	Adobe Creative Cloud
Minecraft Education	Flipgrid	Peardeck

You can view the Privacy Impact Assessments Summaries using the QR code or at https://www.sd68.bc.ca/information-and-privacy/impact-assessments/

I give consent to the collection, use and disclosure of personal information that will occur through using the listed applications and platforms on this page. I understand that my child's privileges to the use of these tools is subject to their compliance with the school's Code of Conduct https://www.sd68.bc.ca/document/ap-344-code-of-conduct/.

School Name		Teacher Name	
Student Name		Parent Name	
Date		Parent Signature	