

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

BLAKE J. ROBBINS, et al.,	:	Civil Action
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Plaintiffs,	:	No. 10-665
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v.	:	Hon. Jan E. DuBois
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LOWER MERION SCHOOL DISTRICT, et al.,	:	
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Defendants.	:	
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ORDER GRANTING PERMANENT EQUITABLE AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

AND NOW, this 12th day of October 2010, upon consideration of Defendants’ Cross-Motion for Entry of Permanent Equitable Relief, the Court having ordered counsel for the parties to meet and confer in an effort to reach agreement on the form of an order for permanent equitable and injunctive relief, by agreement of the Parties, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The injunctive relief granted in the Court’s prior orders in this action is superseded by the relief granted in this Order.
2. The Lower Merion School District (the “District”) and its officers, employees, and agents (including its attorneys and computer consultants) (collectively, “LMSD”) are permanently enjoined from remotely activating, or causing to be remotely activated, webcams on laptop computers issued by LMSD to its students (“student laptops”).
3. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, LMSD is permanently enjoined from purchasing any software, hardware, or other technology that allows for the remote activation of webcams on student laptops or the remote monitoring or recording of audio or video from student laptops. To the extent that any standard operating system software or other commercially available software that LMSD may wish to use for educational purposes includes

functionality that could possibly allow for the remote activation of webcams on student laptops or the remote monitoring or recording of audio or video from student laptops, LMSD may purchase and use the software only for purposes consistent with the policies and regulations contemplated by paragraph 7 of this Order, and LMSD shall disable any such functionality to the extent feasible.

4. LMSD is permanently enjoined from remotely capturing, or causing to be remotely captured, screenshots of student laptops. The preceding sentence shall not preclude LMSD from remotely accessing student laptops for purposes of maintenance, repairs, or troubleshooting in accordance with the policies and regulations contemplated by paragraph 7 of this Order.

5. LMSD may implement a technological alternative to track student laptops that are reported by the student or his or her parent or guardian as lost or stolen provided that the loss or theft is documented in writing and that such tracking technology: (i) is used only to track the location of a laptop reported lost or stolen; (ii) operates in a manner that will not compromise the privacy rights of District students, their families, or anyone else within the viewing capability of the student laptop's webcam; (iii) is conspicuously disclosed and its functionality and uses are explained in a document requiring the signature of students and parents/guardians before any laptop with such tracking technology is issued to any student; and (iv) may only be activated under policies and regulations for such activation as contemplated by paragraph 7 of this Order. By way of example, if it complies with the foregoing requirements, the District may install on laptops global positioning system devices or other anti-theft tracking devices or features that do not permit the remote activation of webcams, the remote capturing of screenshots, or any remote monitoring or recording of audio, video, or on-screen text.

6. LMSD is permanently enjoined from accessing or reviewing any student-created files contained on student laptops (including but not limited to documents, e-mails, instant messaging records, photographs, Internet usage logs, and Web browsing histories) for any reason except as permitted by the policies and regulations contemplated by paragraph 7 of this Order or otherwise pursuant to a signed consent form signed by the student and his or her parent or guardian that clearly and conspicuously sets forth the ability of LMSD to access or review such files. In the event that the District does not issue a laptop to a student on the basis of the student's declining to sign such a consent form, the District shall use its best efforts to make necessary accommodations to ensure that such student's education is not adversely affected.

7. To the extent, if any, that such policies and regulations are not already in place, the District shall prepare and adopt official policies in accordance with its By-Laws, and the District shall promulgate official regulations, governing: the distribution, maintenance, and permissible uses of student laptops; the privacy of student data in such laptops; the training of District information services personnel with respect to student laptops and privacy; and the administration, oversight, and enforcement of such policies and regulations including, among other things, which persons at the District are responsible for administering, overseeing, and enforcing the policies and regulations and the specific regulations and/or policies that those persons are responsible for administering, overseeing, and enforcing. Such policies and/or regulations shall require, among other things: (i) that the District explain to, and obtain the written consent of students and parents or guardians with respect to, the manner and circumstances in which District personnel may remotely access student laptops or otherwise access or review any information or data (including but not limited to documents, e-mails, instant messaging records, photographs, Internet usage logs, and Web browsing histories) contained on

student laptops; (ii) a procedure to make necessary accommodations for a student to whom the District does not issue a laptop on the basis that the student declined to sign such a consent form to ensure that such student's education is not adversely affected; (iii) that immediately prior to remotely accessing any student laptop for reasons permitted by and disclosed in such policies while the laptop is in use, the District shall notify the student of such impending access directly (in person or by telephone) and/or via a pop-up notification on the laptop's screen, and that the District may not remotely access a student laptop without the student's permission; and (iv) the District to maintain a permanent log of each and every instance in which it remotely accesses any student laptop that details the date and time of remote access and the reason for such access.

8. LMSD shall preserve all electronic files, data, and storage media that pertain to Plaintiffs' claims and claims that other students or their family members may have with respect to the District's use of LANrev software, including but not limited to any and all images obtained by the District via the remote activation of webcams on student laptops for at least six years after the date of this Order or until further order of the Court.

9. To the extent that the process required by the May 14, 2010 order entered by Judge Jan E. DuBois, and the May 14, 2010 order entered by Chief Magistrate Judge Thomas J. Rueter, with respect to the viewing of images by affected students and/or their parents/guardians is not completed as of the date of this Order, then that process shall be completed. That process, developed under the auspices of, and supervised and approved by, Judge Jan E. DuBois and Chief Magistrate Judge Thomas J. Rueter, requires LMSD – to the extent it is in possession of webcam photographs or screenshots from certain student laptops resulting from the District's use of the tracking feature of the LANrev software – to provide any students who possessed those laptops while tracking was activated and/or their parents or

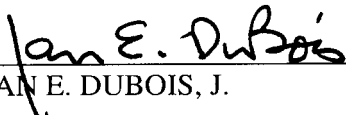
guardians an opportunity to view such images consistent with the terms set forth in the May 14, 2010 orders.

10. LMSD is permanently enjoined from viewing, disseminating, or otherwise permitting access to any webcam photographs or screenshots, or any information contained therein, that the District obtained remotely from student laptops, except in connection with the process contemplated by paragraph 9 of this Order or as otherwise permitted by a court order. The obligation set forth in this paragraph not to view, disseminate, or otherwise permit access to information contained in webcam photographs or screenshots shall survive any physical destruction of the webcam photographs or screenshots after the expiration of LMSD's duty – pursuant to paragraph 8 of this Order – to preserve all such information for at least six years after the date of this Order or until further order of the Court.

11. The injunctive relief granted in this Order shall be enforceable by any persons adversely affected by any violations of this Order, including parents or guardians of any adversely affected individual who is then a minor. This Order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court notwithstanding any dismissal of this action.

12. Without in any way affecting the finality of this Order, the Court shall retain jurisdiction over all matters relating to the implementation, enforcement, construction, administration, and interpretation of this Order notwithstanding any dismissal of this action.

BY THE COURT:



JAN E. DUBOIS, J.

*10-12-10 faxes to
All counsel.*