

STATE *of* WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

*Proclamation*

*Whereas*, the current environment in education demands a heightened level of skill and knowledge for students to engage with digital tools in and out of school to connect, collaborate, communicate, and create; and

*Whereas*, technological advancements and broader physical and mental health concerns are placing additional responsibilities on educators, administrators, families, libraries, and community members to support safe and healthy online practices; and

*Whereas*, online safety and digital citizenship requires an interdisciplinary approach from schools to ensure students are engaged in safe and responsible use of digital tools, online communications, and protection of their privacy and identity to ensure they are future-ready; and

*Whereas*, cyber security is an essential component of the overall virtual environment, and the security of students' data and information while accessing digital resources is vital to their educational success and physical and mental health; and

*Whereas*, the connection between social and emotional learning and online safety brings perspective, empathy, compassion, and the ability to connect with others to understand how decision-making in online environments can affect other people;

*Therefore*, be it resolved that, I, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, do hereby proclaim October as Keeping Kids Safe Online Month to promote online safety and digital citizenship education.

**Keeping Kids Safe Online Month**

October 1 – 31, 2020



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn S. Taylor".

Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent