

STATE *of* WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Proclamation

Whereas, diverse learning environments in education demands a heightened level of skill and knowledge for children 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, security, and digital citizenship require a coordinated approach from schools, libraries, and community partners in order to ensure students are engaged in safe and responsible use of digital tools, online communications, protection of their privacy, and portrayal of online identity to ensure they are future ready; and

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

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

Whereas, October 1-31 is proclaimed "Keeping Kids Safe Online" month in Wisconsin to support schools, out of school time (before, after, and summer school) programs, families, libraries, and communities to promote the role that online safety and digital citizenship education have in producing engaged, empathetic, digital-age leaders who are future ready.


Therefore, be it resolved that, I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare in the state of Wisconsin,

Keeping Kids Safe Online Month

to promote online safety and digital citizenship education

October 1-31, 2021





Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent