



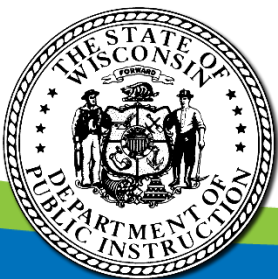
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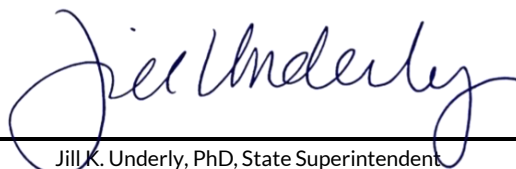
BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Keeping Kids Safe Online

- WHEREAS: the modern world being shaped by technology requires students to engage with digital tools which give them access to information, help them foster collaboration through global connections, and build upon skills like creativity and critical thinking; and
- WHEREAS: media literacy skills are essential for students living in a culture immersed in information to help them think critically, recognize bias, and achieve civic literacy on their way to becoming active and responsible citizens who can contribute meaningfully to their community and the democratic process as a whole; and
- WHEREAS: a collaborative effort involving educational institutions, libraries, and community stakeholders is essential to establishing a comprehensive strategy for fostering online safety as well as digital citizenship and leadership for our students to guarantee that students participate in the prudent and ethical utilization of digital resources to safeguard their privacy, physical and mental well-being; and
- WHEREAS: digital equity empowers children with the knowledge and skills needed to access safety tools to protect themselves from cyberbullying, privacy breaches, and other online threats while enabling them to take advantage of the educational and creative opportunities the digital world offers; and
- WHEREAS: ensuring cybersecurity safeguards students' personally identifiable information is vital to their success utilizing online resources to achieve educational excellence on their path to being future ready; and
- WHEREAS: October 1-31 is proclaimed Keeping Kids Safe Online month in Wisconsin to support and commit to the well-being and security of ALL our youth in this digital age as we empower the children of Wisconsin to be responsible digital citizens and to navigate the online world with confidence, knowledge, and resilience.
- THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, do hereby proclaim in the state of Wisconsin, Keeping Kids Safe Online Month to promote online safety and digital citizenship/leadership education.

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Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

