



Proclamation

BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

2024 Keeping Kids Safe Online Month

WHEREAS: Whereas a modern world shaped by technology requires students to engage with digital tools, providing them access to information, fostering collaboration through global connections, and building skills like creativity and critical thinking; and

WHEREAS: Whereas media literacy skills are essential for students living in an information-rich culture, helping them think critically, recognize bias, and achieve civic literacy, thus becoming active and responsible citizens who contribute meaningfully to their community and the democratic process as a whole; and

WHEREAS: Whereas a collaborative effort involving educational institutions, libraries, and community stakeholders is essential to establishing a comprehensive strategy for fostering online safety and digital citizenship/leadership for our students, ensuring they participate in the prudent and ethical utilization of digital resources to safeguard their privacy, physical, and mental well-being; and

WHEREAS: 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

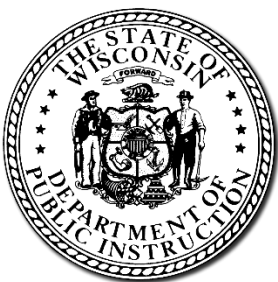
WHEREAS: Whereas ensuring cybersecurity safeguards students' personally identifiable information, which is vital to their success in utilizing online resources to achieve educational excellence on their path to being future-ready; and

WHEREAS: Whereas artificial intelligence can enhance our efforts by providing advanced tools and resources to protect our children online, ensuring they navigate the digital world safely and responsibly; and

WHEREAS: Whereas October 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, empowering the children of Wisconsin to be responsible digital citizens and navigate the online world with confidence, knowledge, and resilience.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that, 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.

Proclaimed the month of October 2024




Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

