

Proclamation

Whereas students are engaged with digital tools in and out of school to connect, collaborate, communicate, and create; and

Whereas technological advancements are placing additional responsibilities on educators, administrators, families, libraries, tribal nations, and community members to support safe and healthy online practices; and

Whereas online safety and digital citizenship requires an interdisciplinary approach from schools to help students engage in the safe and responsible use of digital tools, online communications, protection of their privacy and portrayal of their online identity to ensure they are ready for the future; 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 the Department of Public Instruction is an affiliate of Wisconsin's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force under the Wisconsin Department of Justice, which is a national leader in fighting internet crimes against children;

Therefore, be it resolved that, I, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, do hereby proclaim October as Keeping Kids Safe Online Month for the State of Wisconsin, to promote the role that online safety and digital citizenship education have in producing engaged, empathetic, digital-age student leaders who are future ready.



Keeping Kids Safe Online Month

October 1-31, 2019


Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent