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Dr. Todd Grandjean, Superintendent

Memorandum

To: **DISD Board of Trustees**

From: **Todd Grandjean**

Date: **11/5/2026**

Re: **Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA)**

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) is a federal law enacted by Congress in December 2000 to address concerns about access in schools to the Internet and other information. For any school that receives discounts for Internet access or for internal connections, CIPA imposes certain requirements.

Under CIPA, schools subject to CIPA do not receive the discounts offered by the "E-Rate" program (discounts that make access to the Internet affordable to schools) unless they certify that they have certain Internet safety measures in place. These include measures to block or filter pictures that: (a) are obscene, (b) contain child pornography, or (c) when computers with Internet access are used by minors, are harmful to minors;

Schools subject to CIPA are required to adopt a policy addressing: (a) access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web; (b) the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications; (c) unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors online; (d) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; and (e) restricting minors' access to materials harmful to them. CIPA does not require the tracking of Internet use by minors or adults.

From the school year 2001-2002 and thereafter, schools and libraries are required to certify that they have their safety policies and technology in place, or that they are taking the necessary actions to put them in place before receiving E-rate funding for the following school year.

Each year in the fall or early January, the District reviews the Children’s Internet and Protection Act (CIPA) as part of our Electronic Communications Policy (CQ Local). This board policy review is required by federal law to certify that DISD provides a content filter and the protections cited above.

Our content filter provides the following:

- Controls student access to inappropriate materials, deemed harmful to minors
- Ensures students' safety and security in the use of electronic communications
- Prevents unauthorized access, including hacking
- Restricts unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personally identifiable student information

Through this memorandum, I am requesting that the DISD Board of Trustees certify that the CQ Local policy provides for protection for children through content filters as outlined in the federal statutes under CIPA.

DISD Board of Trustees certifies that our CQ Local Policy includes all provisions to comply with the Children's Internet and Protection Act (CIPA)

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Devine ISD Board President