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## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM NO: 5.3**

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, June 24, 2025

**NEW BUSINESS ITEM:** Consideration of Revisions to Policy IJNDB and Regulation IJNDB-R, *Use of Technology Resources in Instruction* (first reading)

**SUBMITTED BY:** Sheryl Castro, Executive Director of Curriculum and Assessment

**PRESENTED BY:** Sheryl Castro, Executive Director of Curriculum and Assessment

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Presented for your consideration are the revisions to Policy IJNDB and Regulation IJNDB-R, *Use of Technology Resources in Instruction*. House Bill 2484 amends A.R.S. 15-120.05 relating to student access to the internet, student use of wireless communication devices, and student records. Policy IJNDB and Regulation IJNDB-R have been updated to ensure compliance with the new requirements.

Two key revisions to IJNDB relate to:

1. Restricting student access to social media platforms except as allowed by the student's teacher for educational purposes; and
2. Limiting the use of wireless communication devices by students during the school day. Exceptions include allowing student use of wireless communication devices for medical needs, educational purposes as directed by the student's teacher, or during an emergency.

Other revisions to Policy IJNDB include the following:

- Edits were made to improve readability and changes were made to update terminology/tools and to remove outdated technological terms.
- Page 2: Two sentences were added to highlight users' responsibility to comply with the EIS Acceptable User Agreement:

- *Users must not access, create, store or transmit material that is not related to board approved curriculum and/or classroom instruction.*
- *District internet and property may only be used for authorized activities; they may not be used for personal gain.*
- Page 4: To reflect our District's commitment to leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) in support of teaching and learning, a paragraph was added to Policy IJNDB outlining the purpose and use of AI in our schools.

Revisions to Regulation IJNDB-R include the following:

- As in the policy, edits were made to improve readability and changes were made to update terminology/tools and to remove outdated technological terms. Additionally, the word *smartwatches* was added in two places (pp. 5, 7) as an example of a personal device.
- Page 1: A sentence was added to the first paragraph (*This regulation also sets forth the acceptable uses of personal wireless communication devices, whether or not such devices access the District's EIS.*)
- Page 2: Under the sub-heading *Installation of Software*, the phrase *and the Director of Educational Technology* was added.
- Page 3: In the last paragraph under *Directory Information*, this sentence was removed from the last full paragraph: *If the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) have not indicated, in writing, refusal to allow the release of directory information, the District will assume it has permission to release the above-mentioned information.* Per A.R.S. 15-120.05, parents must indicate in writing their decision to release directory information or to refuse the release of specific directory information.
- Page 5: Details were added relating to student use of wireless communication devices during the school day:
  - *In grades K-8, student PDs will remain "off and away" for the day.*
  - *In grades 9-12, student PDs will remain "off and away" from bell-to-bell during each class period of the school day. Students may access their PDs during lunch, passing periods, and before/after school.*
  - *In grades K-12, staff PDs will remain "off and away" during instructional time. A teacher or administrator may use a PD during instructional time for purposes related to learning (e.g., to access curricular materials that require multifactor authentication).*
- Page 5: In the third closed bullet, the phrase *including cellular service* was added.
- Page 7: A spelling error was corrected in the third closed bullet under *Use of Personal Social Media by District Employees*.
- Page 8: Under *Use of School-Related Social Media by District Employees*, the seventh bullet was modified: *Communications (e.g., blogs and wiki posts)*

*shall be well written using Standard English, Mandarin Chinese, and/or Spanish for school-related World Languages blogs, wikis, etc.*

- Page 9: In the second bullet under *Use of Social Media by Students*, details relating to students' personal social media were added (i.e., a student may only access social media platforms when allowed to do so by the student's teacher). Additionally, a student's personal social media post can be considered inappropriate regardless of when or where the post is made if it meets the criteria listed.
- Page 11: Under *Acceptable Use*, this sentence was added: District internet and property may only be used for authorized activities; they may not be used for personal gain.

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the governing board approve revisions to Policy IJNDB and Regulation IJNDB-R, *Use of Technology Resources in Instruction*, as presented.**