



Meeting Date: September 19, 2024

Submitted By: Dr. Lacey Gosch
Title: Assistant Superintendent

Agenda Item: Consider and take action regarding approving a Proclamation declaring October 2024 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

CONSENT ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

IMPACT/RATIONALE:

Cybersecurity Awareness Month acknowledges the vital role that technology plays in our lives. It is essential that we protect ourselves, our students, our staff, our families, and our livelihoods from online threats. We must ensure that digital connectivity is a tool that uplifts and empowers, and is not one used for repression and coercion. Cybersecurity Awareness Month provides an open opportunity to discuss and learn more about digital citizenship and provides resources that promote simple steps that everyone can implement to help to protect our data, our networks, and our personal information. During the month of October, digital citizenship lessons are provided through Librarian support and classroom lessons highlighting cybersecurity are offered to classrooms via Nearpod. In addition, the district will highlight safe and secure online activities via district publications to support faculty, staff and community awareness.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval/Disapproval



Cybersecurity Awareness Month Proclamation October 2024

Whereas, Digital technologies today touch every aspect of our lives - from our classrooms and communities, to our economy and state and national security. As the booming technology industry changes and grows rapidly, it is more important than ever for us to strengthen our cybersecurity;

Whereas, our world - including our digital world - stands at an inflection point, where the decision we make today will determine the direction of our world for decades to come. This is particularly true as we develop programs and educational supports to build digital awareness and digital citizenship among our students and staff;

Whereas, technology continues to play a vital role in our lives, it is essential that we protect ourselves, our students, our staff, our families, our communities, and our livelihoods from online threats We must ensure that digital connectivity is a tool that uplifts and empowers, and is not used for repression or coercion;

Whereas, cybersecurity awareness month provides an open opportunity to discuss and learn more about digital citizenship. Recognizing the importance of cybersecurity reinforces the role that everyone plays in protecting our data, our networks, and our personal information, while to promote the proper uses of technology to support growing society and the future of innovation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Judson Independent School District Board of Trustees do hereby proclaim October 2024, as Cybersecurity Awareness Month throughout the Judson ISD district and urges everyone on campus to join in and promote safe and secure online practices and technology use among students and staff.

Suzanne Kenoyer, President

Laura Stanford, Secretary

