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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 4.1

BOARD MEETING DATE: Monday, July 21, 2025

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Approval of Revisions to Policy IJNDB and Regulation IJNDB-R, *Use of Technology Resources in Instruction* (second reading)

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

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

Presented for your approval 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.

Changes made since the first reading are highlighted in yellow in the policy and regulation.

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- Edits were made to: improve readability, update terminology/tools, and remove outdated technological terms.
- Page 2: In the paragraph below letter F, 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.* After the first reading, the phrase *they may not be used for personal gain* was removed from this page.
- Page 4:
 - To reflect our District's commitment to leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) in support of teaching and learning, a paragraph titled *Artificial Intelligence Technologies* was added to Policy IJNDB outlining the purpose and use of AI in our schools. As a result of a discussion during the first reading, the last sentence of this paragraph was modified to clarify that AI tools will be available to all students.
 - At the bottom of the page under *Parent/Legal Guardian Notification*, language was added to specify that parents/legal guardians, teachers, and students will be notified annually of changes to policies regarding the use of technology and the Internet while at school.

Revisions to Regulation IJNDB-R include the following:

- Changes were made to update terminology/tools and to remove outdated technological terms. After the first reading, edits were also made to improve readability and to eliminate unnecessary repetition/verbiage.
- 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.*
 - In the first bullet of the second paragraph, *matter* was changed to *material*.
 - In the first three bullets, *minors* was changed to *students*.
 - The fourth bullet references the establishment of limitations placed on student access to social media platforms.
- Page 2: Under the sub-heading *Installation of Software*, the phrase *and the Director of Educational Technology* was added.
- Page 3: The section titled *Directory Information* was deleted.
- Page 4: The section title *Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)* was changed to *Personal Electronic Devices (PDs)* and related edits were made at the top of the following page.
- Page 5:

- The definition of a PD was expanded to include smartwatches and smart glasses.
- The second bullet specifies that the District-provided Wi-Fi must be used to access the Internet.
- Page 6:
 - The first bullet was edited to promote consistency across sites in relation to students' use of PDs.
 - In the second bullet, parameters were added relating to student use of wireless communication devices during the school day in a classroom setting:
 - *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. After the first reading, the following sentence was removed from this section: Students may access their PDs during lunch, passing periods, and before/after school.*
- Page 7:
 - In the second paragraph under *Social Media*, *medial* was replaced with *media*.
- Page 8: In the third bullet under *Use of Personal Social Media by District Employees*, *should not* was removed and a spelling error was corrected.
- Page 9: The sixth bullet (referencing standard English and writing conventions) was removed.
- Page 10: The phrase *in the District's Student Handbook* was removed.
- Page 11:
 - In the final bullet on this page, 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 for educational purposes*). 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 12: In the first bullet, the phrase *they may not be used for personal gain* was removed. This statement is already clarified in the last bullet on this page.

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.