



# Childrens Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

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## CIPA Facts

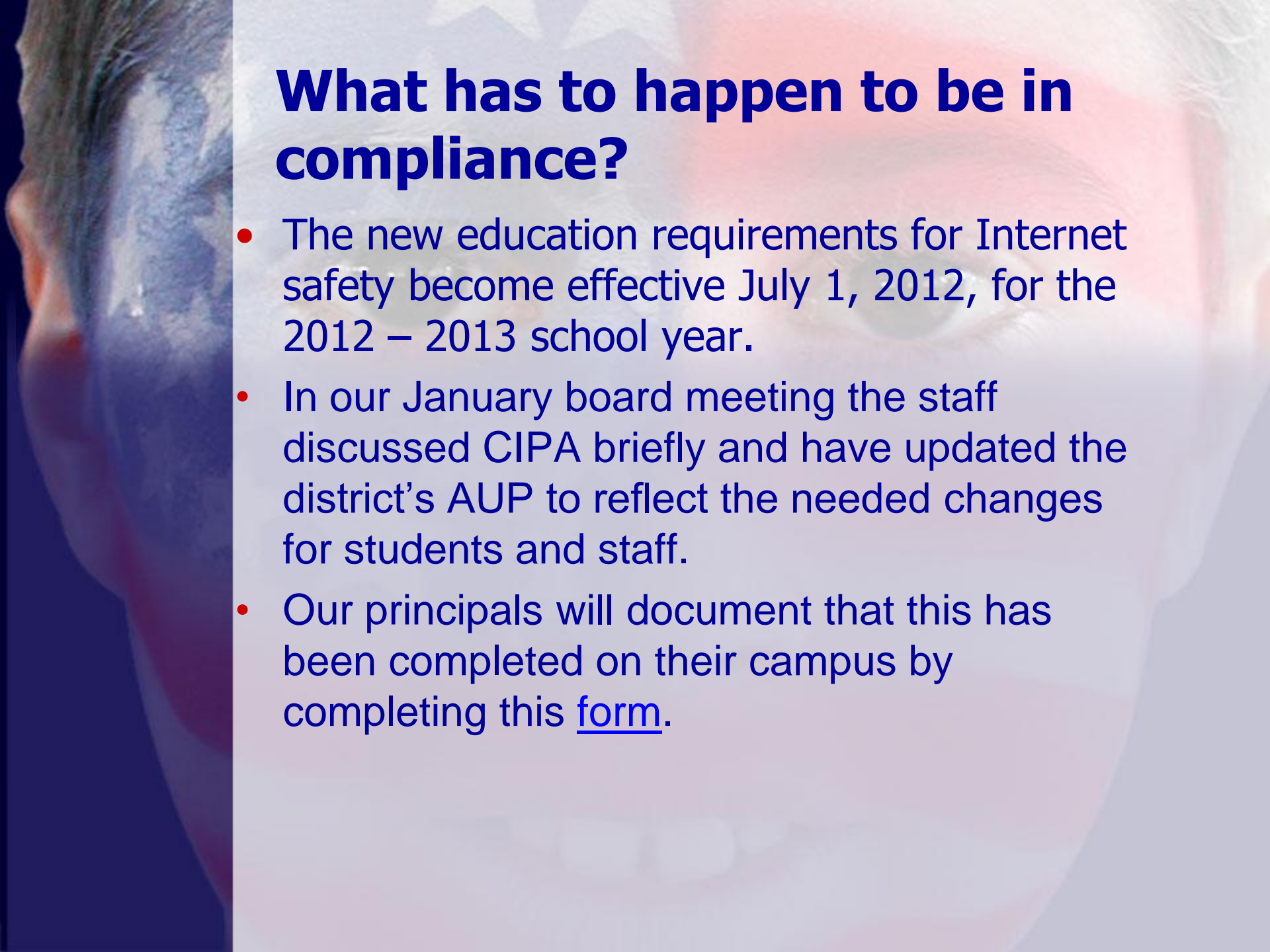
- (CIPA) was enacted by Congress in December 2000
- In 2008, Congress passed the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act which amended CIPA.
- CIPA addresses concerns about access in schools and libraries to the Internet and other information.
- CIPA compliance is required for any school or library that receives discounts for Internet access (E-RATE) or for internal connections.

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# Protecting Children in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act

- requires the school and school board to certify that, as part of its Internet safety policy, [it] is educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response.





# What has to happen to be in compliance?

- The new education requirements for Internet safety become effective July 1, 2012, for the 2012 – 2013 school year.
- In our January board meeting the staff discussed CIPA briefly and have updated the district's AUP to reflect the needed changes for students and staff.
- Our principals will document that this has been completed on their campus by completing this [form](#).

# Two key questions to be addressed:

- What must be added to an Internet safety policy to make it compliant?

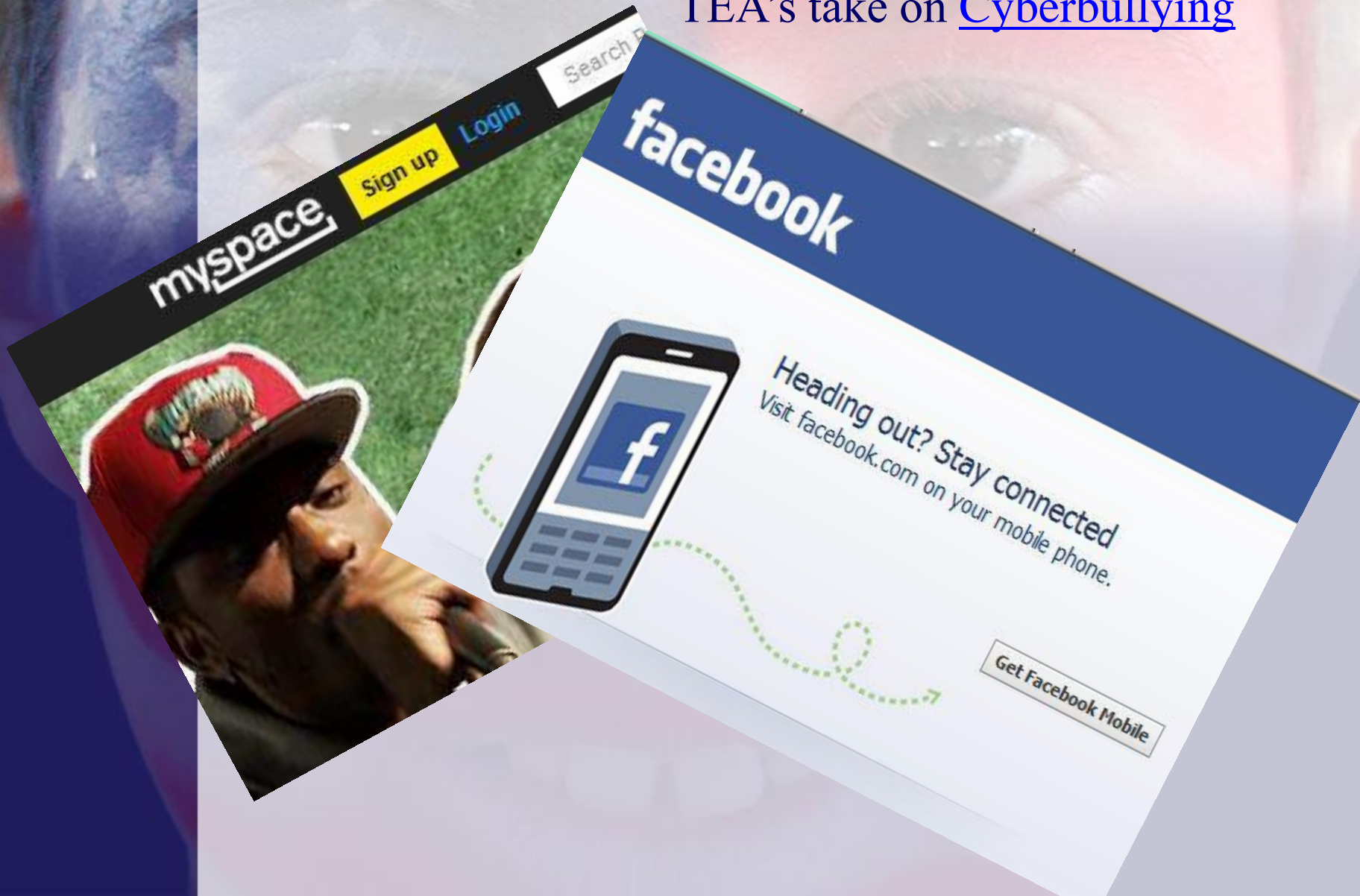
Answer: Update CIPA Policy to include language about internet safety and cyberbullying: DISD Board Policy CQ (Local) updated 5/6/2011

- How must the change be made and documented?

Answer: DISD Policy CQ (Local) covers the policy change. Documentation is done via the web at: [Cyber Safety Rules of the Road](#)

# What about Facebook and MySpace

TEA's take on Cyberbullying







## School Boards

- CIPA must be on the board agenda and approved in the minutes by the board.
- Internet Safety Training elements to your existing policy does not require an additional public meeting, unless for any reason you are unable to show the required documentation of the original public meeting that led to your existing CIPA policy



## **School Boards continued**

- Policy should establish that access is a privilege not a right
- Should address who will be given access to the system
- Policy should address intellectual property rights
- Policy should affirm that users, rather than district, are liable for any misuse of the system





## **School Boards continued**

- No personally identifiable information about students without written consent of parent
- “Limited open forums” should be addressed
- Use by community members
- Hold public hearings



## Links

- [FCC Consumer Facts](#)
- [TEA and CIPA](#)