Board Meeting – September 17, 2024

## Item VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

D. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 12 to Recognize October 16-22, 2024, as Digital Citizenship Week

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board take action and approve Board Resolution No. 12 and recognize October 16-22, 2024, Digital Citizenship Week and encourages Los Angeles County districts, schools, teachers, students, parents and community members to engage in awareness activities and curriculums designed to help students become better digital citizens.

Resolution No. 12 follows on the next page.

## Next Steps:

- Send out LACOE Communication to the 80 districts to encourage districts, schools and community organizations to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities.
- Invite school districts to participate in professional development opportunities and access materials to build knowledge and acquire strategies to teach the topic effectively in the classroom.
- Invite parents and students to participate in a learning opportunity and build knowledge on being good digital citizens.
- Invite school districts to engage in an educational technology leaders and coaches' network to learn more about different ways of engaging and promoting digital citizenship.

## BOARD RESOLUTION No. 12: 2024-25

## To Recognize October 16-22, 2024, as Digital Citizenship Week

- WHEREAS, the State Standards adopted by the California Board of Education for English Language Arts require that students in grades K-12 must use technology, including the internet, to produce and publish their work and to interact and collaborate with others;
- **WHEREAS**, the use of the internet in schools and at home is an important learning tool for students because it gives them access to the world's resources;
- WHEREAS, according to the Pew Research Center, 92 percent of teens report going online daily, including 24 percent who say they go online "almost constantly," and 71 percent report using more than one social networking site;
- **WHEREAS,** the use of the internet involves risks such as cyberbullying and the violation of privacy, which can be greatly reduced when students learn how to use it safely and responsibly;
- **WHEREAS**, state and federal laws specify that students must know how to appropriately interact with one another in chat rooms and other social networking sites;
- **WHEREAS,** as a result of COVID-19 students across Los Angeles County and the nation had to engage daily in online teaching and learning;
- WHEREAS, students must learn how to safely use all learning tools, including technology and digital information and media, to be college and career ready, especially in today's digital world.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Education recognizes October 16-22, 2024, as "Digital Citizenship Week" and encourages Los Angeles County districts, schools, teachers, students, parents and community members to engage in awareness activities and curriculums designed to help students become better digital citizens.
- ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024, by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.

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