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Good evening, CCSS families,

Across the nation, schools are observing an increase in concerning student behaviors that are linked to social media, especially the app TikTok. As many CCSS schools communicated with families a few weeks ago, an increase in vandalism and theft in schools and on buses was linked to a TikTok challenge. Recently, the District has been made aware of other planned challenges that promote crimes such as assaulting employees, sexual assault, and public nudity.

“These social media challenges may appear to be harmless or fun to an adolescent, but what parents need to clearly understand is that these thoughtless actions will come with consequences, “I have heard some say ‘what is the big deal, it’s just a soap dispenser’ or ‘I was just messing around.’ The reality is, it disrupts the day and is a violation of law and policy. I encourage parents to pay close attention to what their children are doing and intervene where it is needed. We plan to take the most appropriate action necessary to help resolve this issue and get their attention.”

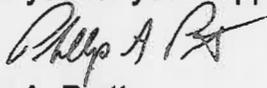
In addition to concerns about TikTok challenges, there are other digital dangers like cyberbullying, child exploitation, sharing personal information, and offensive content.

“Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) is the leading federal law enforcement agency that investigates crimes involving exploitation of minors,” said Nashville HSI Special Agent in Charge Jerry C. Templet Jr. “Our agents continually work with our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners to investigate and prosecute the perpetrators of these crimes and identify and rescue victims. While the internet is a great way to interact with friends and family, as well as meet new people, predators know this and actively stalk online meeting places such as chat rooms and social media sites. Education and community awareness regarding the dangers of online activity is extremely important.”

Finally, when a threat of violence is brought to our attention, we take it seriously and move forward to take the necessary action. CCSS employees work diligently to keep our schools safe, but it takes the entire community working together to provide a secure educational environment. We are asking parents and guardians to please talk to their children about online safety, appropriate behaviors, and consequences for criminal behaviors and offenses in the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Additionally, please talk to your children about the importance of immediately reporting any safety concern to an adult. Whether it is on social media or in the schoolhouse, if you see or hear something, say something. Please report concerns of school violence to officials, do not post or repost rumors or threats on social media.

Thank you for your support.



Phillip A. Pratt
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The following are a few resources on internet safety for parents/guardians:

CCSS Internet Safety and Training Site:

CCSS Homeland Security Internet Safety Presentation:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rkwj8QM304U>

CCSS Interview with Homeland Security Special Agent:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqu2q3HcceM>

Netsmartz: <https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/home>

Thorn Foundation: <https://parents.thorn.org>

Child Rescue Coalition: <https://childrescuecoalition.org/education/>

Digital Monitoring Software article from Child Rescue
Coalition: <https://childrescuecoalition.org/educations/keeping-kids-safe-online-theres-an-app-for-that-or-5/>