

To: Board of Education

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Re: Digital Citizenship

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Background:

Digital Citizenship is a concept that helps teachers, technology leaders and parents understand what students/children/technology users should know to use technology appropriately. Digital Citizenship is more than just a teaching tool, it is a way to prepare for a society full of technology. **Digital Citizenship is the norm of appropriate, responsible technology use.** Too often we are seeing students as well as adults misusing and abusing technology, but are not sure what to do.

Whether it is called Digital Citizenship, Digital Wellness or Digital Ethics, the questions are the same. How should we act when we are online? What should be taught to the next generation? With the growth of Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and 1:1 initiatives in our schools, there is a need to talk about responsible use of technology.

Report:

This report to the Board of Education will highlight the work the district has been doing with students, staff and parents to raise awareness of responsible technology use.