Content Filtering Committee

SBISD Content Filtering Committee
Agenda

- Introductions
- Purpose and Charge
- Current Filtering Practices
- Reminder of Current Practices
- Decisions Needed

Content Filtering Committee

Membership consists of 25 members from:

- Technology Services
- Compliance Officer
- HR Director
- Academic Directors
- Student Support Directors
- School Safety Director
- Principals
- Teachers
- Parents
- Community Members
- Board Member

Committee Meetings

Committee Charge

- Maintain compliance with federal law related to the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

- Maintain compliance with Board policy

- Maintain governance over the district's electronic communication and data management (CQ-R) Administrative Guideline for Internet Content Management and Filtering

- Provide input from your role's perspective

- Provide feedback on the district's Internet content management and filtering practices

- Consider requests from employees to use or unblock a blocked site

- Make recommendations regarding approval or disapproval of disabling the filter

Committee Meetings

- The committee will hold a minimum of two meetings a year. A majority of committee members should be present to hold any scheduled meeting.

- Failure to attend two consecutive meetings will result in removal from the committee.

Federal law – Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

- Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) enacted by Congress in 2000 to address concerns about children's access to obscene or harmful content over the Internet
  - Must certify having an Internet safety policy that includes technology protection measures
  - Must block or filter Internet access to pictures that are: (a) obscene; (b) child pornography; or (c) harmful to minors (for computers that are accessed by minors).

CIPA implementation in SBISD

- SBISD must adhere to CIPA by law
  - SBISD exceeds the requirements

- Multiple filtering tools

- In addition to Board policy, SBISD does the following:

- Acceptable Use Policy Acknowledgement
  - Mandatory, annual staff member professional development
  - Mandatory annual parent acknowledgement during the registration\verification process
  - Annual student Digital Citizenship internet safety lessons

- Additional campus specific information provided to parents (parent night, back to school events)

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CIPA implementation in SBISD

- SBISD uses multiple techniques. On average:
  - Blocks 30,284 websites per week
  - Blocks over 38,449 malicious website requests

- Over 66 million malicious/phishing/spam url's blocked

- Continually refining and improving the process

- No solution is 100%

Content Filtering Practices – Categories "Blocked"

- **Potentially Liable**
  - Child Abuse
  - Illegal or Unethical
  - Explicit Violence Proxy

    Hacking

    Drug Abuse

    Avoidance

    Discrimination

    Plagiarism

    Extremist Groups

- **Adult/Mature Content**
  - Alcohol
  - Dating
  - Pornography
  - Marijuana

    Nudity & Risqué

    Other Adult Materials

    Lingerie & Swimsuit

    Tobacco

    Weapons (sales)

    Gambling

    Sports Hunting & War

    Games

- **Security Risk**
  - Malicious Websites

    Spam URLs

    Phishing

Content Filtering Practices – Categories "Blocked"

- **Bandwidth Consuming**
  - Freeware and Software Downloads   Peer-to-peer File Sharing
  - Internet TV   Streaming Media & Download
  - Internet Telephony

- **General Interest – Personal**
  - Brokerage and Trading   Personal Privacy
  - Domain Parking   Personal Websites and Blogs
  - Games   Social Networking
  - Instant Messaging   Society and Lifestyles
  - Meaningless Content   Web Chat
  - Newsgroups & Message Boards

- **Unrated**

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Social Media

SBISD Content Filtering – Social Media Access Overview									
	YouTube	Facebook	Snapchat	Twitter	WhatsApp	LinkedIn	Instagram	Pinterest	TikTok
Filtering Policy									
Staff Members	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Elementary School	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Middle School	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
High School	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No

Reminder – Review Process

- As part of the new software approval process, any resource "denied" will be blocked

- Requests to block\unblock are submitted via a KACE ticket and brought as a list to the Filtering Committee

- Technology Services may choose to "take action" prior to a committee meeting

- Final approval made by the Filtering Committee

- Decisions made by consensus

Action Requested

Sites Requested to Block for discussion:

1. ChatGPT – AI tool

2. Skout - – dating/social site

3. Kik – streaming/inappropriate content

4. Yubo – dating/social site

5. Spotafriend - dating/social site

- **Action Requested**
  - Technology Services requests to add to block list
  - Seeking approval of actions

Proposed Actions Taken

Sites Requested to Unblock:

1. Education in Action - https://educationinaction.org/
   1. Learning opportunities
2. Soccer Coach Weekly – https://soccercoachweekly.net
   1. Soccer site
3. CTE Lessons - https://ctlessons.org/social-studies/the-scramble-for-africa
   1. Social studies site
4. YES Prep Request - Panorama Survey (Denied based on SBISD policy)

- **Action Taken**
  - Academics approved websites
  - Technology Services added to whitelist
 - Seeking final approval of the actions taken

Texas Executive Order

TikTok has been blocked at SBISD on district resources for years.

- **Executive Order issued December 2022 for personal devices**

Actions Taken:

1. Included in March 2023 Safety Message
2. March 2023 SuperNote
3. Revised mandated annual cybersecurity training

Cybersecurity SY24

Technology → Process → People
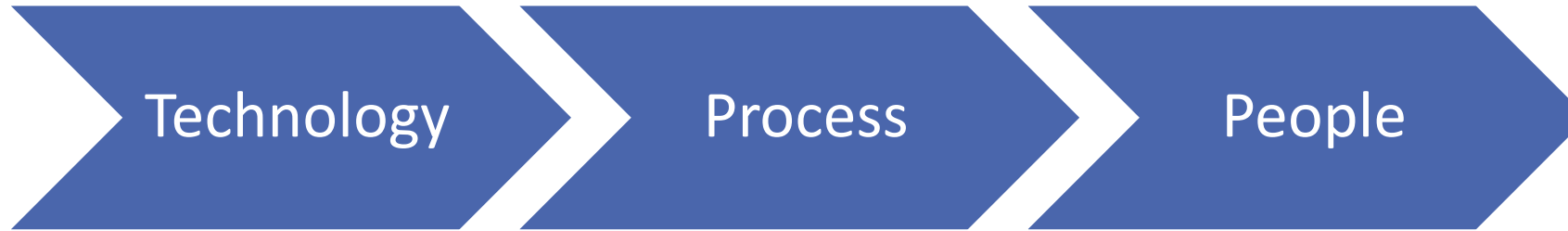
Required annual system administrator training (CQB-Exhibit new SY23)

Overall increasing our overall cybersecurity posture by requiring:

- **Staff members accessing tier 1 and tier 2 systems to use MFA (Multifactor Authentication)**
- **Student network passwords more complex**
- **Parent Skyward passwords more complex**

Next Meeting

October 25th, 2023 at 4:00pm

QUESTIONS?

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