BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH TOMORROW'S LEADERS

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Dear SD81 Faculty,

School districts are required by the Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA) to provide additional guarantees that student data is protected when collected by educational technology companies, and that data is used for beneficial purposes only (105 ILCS 85).

DIstrict 81 will implement a procedure for using any online applications or programs that collect or maintain student data or information effective in the 2023-2024 school year and going forward. This will ensure that each of us complies with SOPPA and commits to a high level of standard to protect our students' privacy and confidentiality.

Please follow the following procedure when using any technology applications or programs:

1. Check the operator list in the "SOPPA" section on the District 81 website under Technology.
2. If the operator/vendor is found on this list, you may proceed with setting up an account and using it.
3. If the operator/vendor is NOT found on this list, email your building principal with the request to use the program/ application and what you intend to use it for.
4. Your building principal will respond to your email notifying you if the online vendor has been vetted and approved.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in implementing this important step in serving the students and families of District 81.

Sincerely,

Melissa Kartsimas

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