DIGITAL SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

PAY ATTENTION TO THESE ASPECTS OF DIGITAL SAFETY IN SCHOOLS:

☐ ### INTERNET USAGE POLICIES:

Understand the school's internet usage policies, including what websites are accessible to students, how personal data is handled, and what measures are in place to protect students from inappropriate content and online threats.

☐ ### PRIVACY PROTECTIONS:

Ensure that the school has robust privacy protections in place for student data, including adherence to relevant laws such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Understand how student information is collected, stored, and shared, and advocate for transparent and secure practices.

☐ ### TECHNOLOGY ACCESS AND SUPERVISION:

Assess the school's approach to providing technology access to students, including the types of devices used, supervision during online activities, and restrictions on device usage. Advocate for appropriate levels of supervision and support to ensure students' safety and well-being.

☐ ### CYBERBULLYING PREVENTION:

Inquire about the school's policies and procedures for preventing and addressing cyberbullying. This includes educating students about respectful online behavior, providing resources for reporting incidents, and implementing consequences for offenders.

☐ ### DIGITAL LITERACY EDUCATION:

Inquire about the school's curriculum for teaching digital literacy skills, including how to navigate the internet safely, critically evaluate online information, and protect personal privacy and security. Encourage the integration of digital literacy education across grade levels.

☐ ### PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Stay informed about your child's digital activities at school through regular communication with teachers, administrators, and other parents. Participate in parent workshops or informational sessions on digital safety topics and collaborate with the school community to address concerns and share best practices.

☐ ### EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING:

Ensure that the school has protocols in place for responding to digital safety incidents, such as cyber threats, hacking attempts, or online harassment. Advocate for proactive measures to mitigate risks and protect students in emergency situations.

☐ ### OPEN DIALOGUE WITH CHILDREN:

Foster open communication with your child about their online experiences, including any concerns or incidents they may encounter. Encourage them to seek help from you if they encounter inappropriate content, cyberbullying, or other online risks, and provide guidance on how to stay safe and responsible online.

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