

## **Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)**

**Policy Reference:** OE-8 communicating With the Board

**Background Information:** The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) was enacted by Congress in 2000 to address concerns about children's access to obscene or harmful content over the Internet. CIPA imposes certain requirements on schools or libraries that receive discounts for Internet access or internal connections through the Erate program. District and schools must certify that they have an Internet safety policy that includes technology protection measures. The district must provide reasonable notice and hold at least one public meeting each year to address the proposal. Schools subject to CIPA have two additional certification requirements: their Internet safety policies must include monitoring the online activities of minors; and as required by the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act, they must provide for educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

**Purpose:** This item is placed on the agenda to fulfill the annual Federal requirement that CIPA is included as a discussion item in a public meeting.

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**Recommended Action:** Accept as information to meet Federal requirement

**Estimated Project Cost:** N/A

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Funding Sources: