

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The Parent Tech Awareness Program aims to enhance parental knowledge and engagement in monitoring and protecting their children's online activities on school administered technology as well as personal technological devices. Under this initiative, the Idaho State Department of Education will develop or contract an online educational program accessible to all Idaho public and private K-12 schools. This program will provide critical information on the dangers of online activity, including cyber threats, digital exploitation, and social media risks on school administered technology as well as personal technological devices. It will also equip parents and guardians with best practices and strategies to ensure children's safe and responsible technology use. Each school district and charter school will be responsible for distributing program information and obtaining a signed acknowledgment from parents confirming their awareness of the available resources. This program will take effect on July 1, 2025 to address the growing concerns of digital safety for Idaho students.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no cost to implement this program as far as the state of Idaho is concerned. It does not authorize any expenditure, appropriation, or allocation of funds and does not impose any financial obligations on the state or its agencies.

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