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SUBJECT: INTERNET PROTECTION POLICY

General Information

Internet access will be provided to staff in accordance with the terms of this policy. Internet access from school computers is reserved solely for educational purposes. Use by outside groups is prohibited. Use by student clubs and organizations is limited to those times when the Internet access points are not in use for instruction, and shall be limited to educational purposes and governed by this policy.

The Greater Southern Tier BOCES reserves the right to monitor all staff Internet activity including transmission and receipt of e-mail. Use of e-mail is limited to BOCES purposes.

Every computer in the district having Internet access shall not be operated by staff unless Internet access from the computer is subject to filtering software. Such filtering software shall be designed and it shall so operate so that images which are obscene, pornographic or harmful to minors shall not be displayed. Such filtering software shall also be designed and it shall operate so that images or language which advocate or promote violence or hatred against particular individuals or groups of individuals or promotes the superiority of one racial, ethnic or religious group over another shall not be displayed. For purposes of this policy, the phrase *harmful to minors* means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that, taken as a whole, and with respect to minors, appeals to prurient interest in nudity, sex or excretion; depicts, describes or represents in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals and, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value as to minors.

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The BOCES does not guarantee or imply that access to the Internet will always be available when staff wants access or that the software provided by the BOCES/districts will always work as intended. The BOCES is not responsible for failures in the operation or technical functioning of the Internet or the computers or software used to access the Internet.