

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

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# Background

- What is CIPA?
  - **C**hildren's **I**nternet **P**rotection **A**ct signed into Law in December 2000
  - Requires Internet filtering for minors
  - Applies to public schools and libraries receiving Universal Service (USF) funds
  - Requires school to certify compliance
- What is USF / E-rate Funding?
  - Program that makes certain communications technology more affordable for eligible schools and libraries

# CIPA Requirements

- Schools subject to CIPA must do the following:
  - Certify that they have certain Internet safety measures in place including the following:
    - Block or filter pictures that:
      - are obscene
      - contain child pornography, or
      - are harmful to minors
    - Monitor online activities of minors

# CIPA Requirements (cont'd)

- Adopt an Internet safety policy that addresses:
  - access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet through some type of filtering measure
  - the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications
  - unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors online
  - unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors
  - restricting minors' access to materials harmful to them

## CIPA Requirements (cont'd)

- educates minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, cyber-bullying awareness, and response
- Hold at least one public hearing on Internet Safety
- Certify they have their safety policies and technology in place prior to receiving E-rate funding

# Internet Filtering System

- Software used:
  - Smart Filter, Bess Edition, “Bess”
  - Filtering service is purchased through Macomb ISD
  - Used by multiple districts in Macomb County
  - Filtering is automatic and customizable

# East Detroit's Technology Plan

## Statement of Compliance

- In order to remain compliant with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) East Detroit Public Schools has installed firewall hardware and software, as indicated by the technology plan to protect the school and the student. The district will also ensure that all workstations specified for student use have appropriate filtering software installed. In addition, students receive instruction on responsible use of the Internet, including safety and security when using email, chat rooms, social networking and cyber-bullying awareness and response.
- Internet Safety Policies and Technology Acceptable Use policies can be found on the district's website and are referenced in the student handbooks.
- Policies and the responsibilities of the end users are discussed at staff meetings and as part of curriculum delivery at all grade levels.



# How Can I Learn More?

- Bess Filter software
  - [www.smartfilter.com](http://www.smartfilter.com)
- CIPA Law
  - <http://www.fcc.gov/guides/childrens-internet-protection-act>
- East Detroit Technology Plan and Policies
  - <http://www.macomb.k12.mi.us/eastdet/tech.htm>

# Questions



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