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7530.02 - **STAFF USE OF PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

Use of personal communication devices ("PCDs") has become pervasive in the workplace. For purposes of this policy, "personal communication device" includes computers, tablets (e.g., iPads and similar devices), electronic readers ("e-readers"; e.g., Kindles and similar devices), cell phones (e.g., mobile/cellular telephones, smartphones [e.g., BlackBerry, iPhone, Android devices, Windows Mobile devices, etc.], ~~(-) telephone paging devices [e.g., beepers or pagers]~~, (x) and/or other web-enabled devices of any type. Whether the PCD is Cooperative-owned and assigned to a specific employee or Cooperative~~school~~ official or personally-owned by the employee or Cooperative~~school~~ official (regardless of whether the Cooperative pays the employee or Cooperative~~school~~ official an allowance for his/her use of the device, the Cooperative reimburses the employee or Cooperative~~school~~ official on a per use basis for their business-related use of his/her PCD, or the employee or Cooperative~~school~~ official receives no remuneration for his/her use of a personally-owned PCD), the employee or Cooperative~~school~~ official is responsible for using the device in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with this policy and its accompanying guidelines, as well as other pertinent Board policies and procedures.

Conducting Cooperative Business Using a PCD

[NOTE: FIRST SET OF OPTIONS - CHOOSE OPTION A OR OPTION B]

[OPTION A]

[x] Employees and Cooperative~~school~~ officials are permitted to use a Cooperative-owned and/or personally owned-PCD to make/receive calls, send/receive emails, send/receive texts, send/receive instant messages, ~~or [-]~~ _____ that concern Cooperative business of any kind.

Employees and Cooperative~~school~~ officials are responsible for archiving such communication(s) in accordance with the Cooperative's requirements. **INSERT REQUIREMENTS INSTEAD OF GENERAL REFERENCE TO REQUIREMENTS.**

[END-OF-OPTION-A]

[OPTION-B]

~~[] Employees and Cooperativeschool officials are prohibited from using a CooperativeBoard-owned and/or personally-owned PCDs for Cooperative business of any kind other than to () make/receive telephone calls (), send/receive emails on a Cooperative-issued email account (), or _____~~
~~[END-OF-OPTION]:~~

~~Employees and Cooperativeschool officials who receive Cooperative business-related communication(s) on CooperativeBoard-owned and personally-owned PCDs on a function that is not permitted under this policy are still responsible for the following:~~

- ~~A. Archiving such communication(s) sent or received in accordance with the Cooperative's requirements; and~~
- ~~B. Responding to an individual who sends such communication using the employee's or Cooperativeschool official's Cooperative-issued email account with the following message: 'On [insert date], I received a message from you on my () CooperativeBoard-owned () personally-owned PCD. Pursuant to Board Policy 7530.02, please contact me with such communications regarding Cooperative business of any kind via my wireless communication device, the Cooperative issued email account from which I am sending this message (), or _____ [END-OF-OPTION]. Thank you.'~~

~~[END-OF-OPTION-B]~~

~~[END OF FIRST SET OF OPTIONS]~~

Safe and Appropriate Use of Personal Communication Devices, Including Cell Phones

~~[NOTE: START OF SECOND SET OF OPTIONS—CHOOSE OPTION A AND/OR OPTION B]~~

~~[OPTION-A]~~

~~[] Employees and Cooperativeschool officials whose job responsibilities include ~~regular or occasional~~ driving and who use a PCD for business use are expected to refrain from are prohibited from holding or using their device while driving operating a motor vehicle. Safety must come before all other concerns. Regardless of the circumstances, including slow or stopped traffic, employees and Cooperativeschool officials ~~should~~shall pull off to the side of the road and safely stop the vehicle before placing or accepting a call. Reading or sending a text message, instant message or e-mail, or browsing the Internet using a PCD while driving operating a moving motor vehicle is strictly prohibited. ~~If acceptance of a call is unavoidable and pulling over is not an option, employees are expected to keep the call short, use hands-free options (e.g., headsets or voice activation) if available, refrain from the discussion of complicated or emotional topics, and keep their eyes on the road. Special care should be taken in situations where there is traffic, inclement weather, or the employee or school official is driving in an unfamiliar area.~~ Exceptions to these prohibitions are to place a call to 911 to report a bona fide emergency or using the telecommunications device with hands free or voice activated technology. In cases of reporting a bona fide emergency, if possible, the driver should move to the side of the road and stop the vehicle before using the cell phone, electronic device, mobile phone, or telecommunications device. In the interest of safety for employees, Cooperativeschool officials, and other drivers, employees and Cooperativeschool officials are required to comply with all applicable State laws and local ordinances while driving, including any laws that prohibit texting or holding/using a cell phone or other PCD while driving.~~

~~[] In situations where job responsibilities include regular driving and accepting of business calls, the employee or school official should use hands-free equipment to facilitate the provisions of this policy.~~

~~[OPTION-B]~~

~~[] Employees and school officials are responsible for operating Board-owned vehicles and potentially hazardous equipment in a safe and prudent manner, and therefore, employees and school officials are prohibited from using a PCD while operating such vehicles or equipment. In the interest of safety for employees, school officials, and other drivers, employees and school officials are required to comply with all applicable laws while driving.~~

~~[NOTE: END OF SECOND SET OF OPTIONS]~~

Employees and Cooperativeschool officials may not use a PCD in a way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed or intimidated.

Duty To Maintain Confidentiality of Student Personally Identifiable Information - Public and Student Record Requirements

Employees and Cooperativeschool officials are subject to all applicable policies and guidelines pertaining to protection of the security, integrity and availability of the data stored on a PCD regardless of whether they are Cooperative-owned and assigned to a specific employee or Cooperativeschool official or personally-owned by the employee or Cooperativeschool official.

PCD communications, including calls, text messages, instant messages, and e-mails sent or received may not be secure. Therefore, employees and **Cooperativeschool** officials should use discretion when using a PCD to relay confidential information, particularly as it relates to students.

Additionally, PCD communications, including text messages, instant messages and e-mails sent and/or received by a public employee or **Cooperativeschool** official using his/her PCD may constitute public records.

Further, PCD communications about students, including text messages, instant messages and e-mails sent and/or received by a Cooperative employee or **school**-official using **his/her** PCD may constitute education records if the content includes personally identifiable information about a student.

Communications, including text messages, instant messages and e-mails sent and/or received by a Cooperative employee or **school**-official using **his/her** PCD, that are public records or student records are subject to retention and disclosure, upon request, in accordance with Policy 8310 – Public Records. PCD communications that are student records should be maintained pursuant to Policy 8330 – Students Records.

It is the responsibility of the Cooperative employee or **school**-official who uses a PCD for Cooperative business-related use to archive all text messages, instant messages and e-mails sent and/or received using **his/her** PCD in accordance with the Cooperative's requirements.

Finally, PCD communications and other electronically stored information (ESI) stored on the staff member's or **Cooperativeschool** official's PCD may be subject to a Litigation Hold pursuant to Policy 8315 – Information Management. Employees and **Cooperativeschool** officials are required to comply with Cooperative requests to produce copies of PCD communications in their possession that are either public records or education records, or **that**-constitute ESI that is subject to a Litigation Hold.

[NOTE: START OF THIRD SET OF OPTIONS - CHOOSE OPTION A OR OPTION B]

[OPTION A - TO BE SELECTED IF BOARD ADOPTED POLICY 7530.01 V1]

At the conclusion of an individual's employment or official service (whether through resignation, nonrenewal, or termination), the employee or **Cooperativeschool** official is responsible for verifying all public records, student records and ESI subject to a Litigation Hold that are maintained on the employee's or **Cooperativeschool** official's PCD are transferred to the Cooperative's custody (e.g., server, alternative storage device). The Cooperative's IT department/staff is available to assist in this process. Once all public records, student records and ESI subject to a Litigation Hold are transferred to the Cooperative's custody, the employee or **Cooperativeschool** official is required to delete the records/ESI from his/her PCD. The employee or **Cooperativeschool** official will be required to sign a document confirming that all such records/information have been transferred to the Cooperative's custody and deleted from **the employee's or Cooperative official's his/her** PCD.

Similarly, if an employee or **Cooperativeschool** official intends to dispose of, or otherwise stop using, a personally-owned PCD on which **s/he has maintained** public records, student records and/or ESI that is subject to a Litigation Hold **have been maintained**, the employee or **Cooperativeschool** official must transfer the records/ESI to the Cooperative's custody before disposing of, or otherwise ceasing to use, the personally-owned PCD. The employee or **Cooperativeschool** official is responsible for securely deleting such records/ESI before disposing of, or ceasing to use, the personally-owned PCD. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in disciplinary action.

[OPTION B—TO BE SELECTED IF BOARD ADOPTED POLICY 7530.01 V2]

~~At the conclusion of an individual's employment or official school service (whether through resignation, nonrenewal, or termination), the employee or Cooperativeschool official is responsible for informing the Director or his/her designee of all public records, student records and ESI subject to a Litigation Hold that is maintained on the employee's or Cooperativeschool official's Cooperative-owned PCD. The Cooperative's IT department/staff will then transfer the records/ESI to an alternative storage device.~~

~~[] If the employee or Cooperativeschool official utilized a personally-owned PCD for Cooperative-related communications, and the device contains public records, students records and/or ESI subject to a Litigation Hold, the employee or Cooperativeschool official must transfer the records/ESI to the Cooperative's custody (e.g., server, alternative storage device) prior to the conclusion of his/her employment or official service. The Cooperative's IT department/staff is available to assist in this process. Once all public records, student records and ESI subject to a Litigation Hold are transferred to the Cooperative's custody, the employee or Cooperativeschool official is required to delete the records/ESI from the his/her personally-owned PCD.~~

[NOTE: END OF THIRD SET OF OPTIONS]

If a PCD is lost, stolen, hacked or otherwise subjected to unauthorized access, the employee or **Cooperativeschool** official must notify the Director immediately so a determination can be made as to whether any public records, student records and/or ESI subject to a Litigation Hold have been compromised and/or lost. Pursuant to Policy

8305 Information Security and its accompanying guidelines, the Director shall determine whether any security breach notification laws may have application to the situation. Appropriate notifications will be sent unless the records/information stored on the PCD were encrypted.

The Board prohibits employees and Cooperativeschool officials from maintaining the following types of records and/or information on their (☒) PCDs (☒) cell phones:

- A. (☒) social security numbers
- B. (☒) driver's license numbers
- C. (☒) credit and debit card information
- D. (☒) financial account numbers
- E. (☒) student personally identifiable information
- F. (☒) information required to be kept confidential pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- G. (☒) personal health information as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- H. (☐) _____

[☒] If an employee or Cooperativeschool official maintains records and/or information on a (☒) PCD (☒) cell phone that is confidential, privileged or otherwise protected by State and/or Federal law, the employee or Cooperativeschool official is required to encrypt the records and/or information.

[☒] It is ~~(☐) required~~ (☒) suggested that employees and Cooperativeschool officials lock and password protect their PCDs when not in use.

[☒] Employees and Cooperativeschool officials are responsible for making sure no third parties (including family members) have access to records and/or information, which is maintained on a PCD in their possession, that is confidential, privileged or otherwise protected by State and/or Federal law.

Privacy Issues

Except in emergency situations or as otherwise authorized by the Director or as necessary to fulfill their job responsibilities, employees and Cooperativeschool officials are prohibited from using PCDs to capture, record and/or transmit the words or sounds (i.e., audio) and/or images (i.e., pictures/video) of any student, staff member or other person in a Cooperative facilitythe school or while attending a Cooperativeschool-related activity. Using a PCD to capture, record and/or transmit audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without proper consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted.

[NOTE: START FOURTH SET OF OPTIONS - CHOOSE OPTION A OR OPTION B OR OPTION C]

[☒] OPTION A

The use of a PCD that contains built-in cameras (i.e., devices that take still or motion pictures, whether in a digital or other format) is prohibited in ~~(☐) classrooms,~~
~~(☐) gymnasiums,~~ locker rooms, shower facilities, rest/bathrooms ~~(☐) and/or swimming pool.~~

~~[☐] OPTION B~~

~~The use of a PCD in (☐) classrooms, (☐) gymnasiums, locker rooms, shower facilities, rest/bathrooms and/or (☐) swimming pool is prohibited.~~

~~[☐] OPTION C~~

~~PCDs, including but not limited to those with cameras, may not be activated or utilized at any time in any school situation where a reasonable expectation of personal privacy exists. These locations and circumstances include, but are not limited to, (☐) classrooms, (☐) gymnasiums, locker rooms, shower facilities,~~

~~rest/bathrooms, and any other areas where students or others may change clothes or be in any stage or degree of disrobing or changing clothes. The Director and building principals/supervisors are authorized to determine other specific locations and situations where use of a PCD is absolutely prohibited.~~
~~{NOTE: END OF FOURTH SET OF OPTIONS}~~

Personal Use of PCDs While at Work

~~{NOTE: START OF FIFTH SET OF OPTIONS — CHOOSE OPTION A OR OPTION B}~~

☒ OPTION A

During work hours personal communications made or received, regardless of whether on a PCD or a regular telephone or network computer, can interfere with employee productivity and distract others. Employees are expected to use discretion in using PCDs while at work for personal business. Employees are asked to limit personal communications to breaks and lunch periods, and to inform friends and family members of the Board's policy in this regard.

~~{END OF OPTION A}~~

☐ OPTION B

~~CooperativeBoard employees may carry () PCDs () cell phones with them while at work () including while operating CooperativeBoard equipment, but are subject to the following restrictions:~~

- ~~A. Excessive use of a () PCD () cell phone for personal business during work hours is considered outside the employee's scope of employment and may result in disciplinary action.~~
- ~~B. Employees are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their personally-owned PCDs. The Board assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, or damage to, or misuse or unauthorized use of, personally-owned PCDs brought onto Cooperative property, or the unauthorized use of such devices.~~

~~{NOTE: END OF FIFTH SET OF OPTIONS}~~

Potential Disciplinary Action

Violation of any provision of this policy may constitute just cause for disciplinary action up to and including termination. Use of a PCD in any manner contrary to local, State or Federal laws also may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

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Legal

Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act, Pub. L. No. 110-385, Title II, Stat. 4096 (2008)

Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), Pub. L. No. 106-554 (2001)

20 U.S.C. 1232g

34 CFR Part 99