

New MEA Resolution # 5

Title: Student Use of Electronic Social Media

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Text of proposal:

The Michigan Education Association recognizes the common usage of social media. The Association believes that students should be informed of the cognitive and personal dangers such as privacy concerns, misinformation, cyberbullying, cognitive offload, and malicious content. Students should be encouraged to report incidents of cyberbullying and other inappropriate communications received using electronic social media.

The Association also recognizes that social media can assist students, when used appropriately, to collaborate and access resources beneficial to student learning.

The Association supports policies that require social media companies to address the design of their products and the impact of those products on students as well as policies to increase media literacy.

Rationale:

The Michigan Education Association's Resolutions document does not adequately address student use of electronic social media. The above language was adopted by the National Education Association at the 2025 RA.