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Hello team,

The Safe School Technology Act of 2026 (H 7895) is a critical step toward protecting Rhode Island students while strengthening educational outcomes. The bill responds to growing evidence that many school technologies collect student data without meaningful consent, increase harmful screen time, and rely on addictive design features that undermine learning.

H 7895 sets clear, reasonable guardrails by:

- Requiring privacy-maximized, age-appropriate settings on school-issued devices.
- Giving caregivers the right to opt out of devices, at-home use, or online testing without retaliation.
- Prohibiting targeted advertising, addictive design features, social media access, geolocation, and generative AI in student-facing school software.
- Establishing more stringent requirements for the approval of any digital curriculum.

This bipartisan, evidence-based legislation prioritizes student well-being, data privacy, and effective instruction, without limiting schools' obligations to provide accessibility and special education services.

Please vote **YES on H 7895** and support safer, more effective learning environments for Rhode Island students.

Thank you,

Andrea Shapiro