



June 3, 2026

The Honorable Dawn Addis
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RE: AB 1159 – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Addis,

The undersigned organizations write today in strong support of AB 1159, the CA Learner Personal Information Protection Act (CALPIPA), which will ensure all California students have robust protection against misuse of their personal information, from pre-school through higher education. Today, students face never-before-seen threats to their privacy in the classroom. CALPIPA ensures that California's 6.9 million K-12 and 2.5 million higher education students have strong, comprehensive privacy protections that reflect modern technological realities and

the ways our information is being weaponized against us.

In 2014, California established the Student Online Personal Information Protection Act (now known as KOPIPA) to combat the risks associated with the rising use of technology in K-12 education, later extending these protections to early learners as well. KOPIPA imposes reasonable requirements on education technology vendors (EdTech vendors) that are designed, marketed, and primarily used for K-12 school purposes: prohibitions on the sale of student data, targeted advertising using student data, profiling students for noneducational purposes, and the disclosure of student information with narrow educational exceptions. KOPIPA also requires vendors to implement reasonable data security measures.

Since KOPIPA took effect nine years ago, technology in education has accelerated rapidly. Students from preschool through university now maintain a near-constant online presence via a profusion of educational platforms. With artificial intelligence now entering classrooms and new threats to how our information is misused, modernized data protections are urgently needed. CALPIPA expands protections that exist for Pre-K through 12th grade to higher education students and adds meaningful enforcement through a private right of action for affected students and families. CALPIPA also modernizes these protections by preventing EdTech companies from using student data to train AI systems, closing loopholes that have allowed companies to avoid compliance with existing privacy laws, and protecting sensitive student information related to reproductive health, immigration status, and LGBTQ+ identity.

CALPIPA ensures that information collected from any California student for educational purposes is used only for educational purposes and cannot be misused by Big Tech. It builds on existing student privacy laws, clarifying and expanding their protections and modernizing them to account for new threats to student privacy. For these reasons, we are proud to support AB 1159.

Sincerely,

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