

# Navigate the Landmines of Technology Misuse: How Can Districts Protect the School Environment?

Come join us as we discuss the legal and policy issues that school districts face in relation to student and staff technology use.

The following are *some* of the topics that will be addressed:

- Issues schools are facing such as bullying and cheating
- Legal implications of student and staff technology use
- District ability to gain control and impose discipline
- Court cases and decisions regarding student use of technology
- What constitutes criminal behavior and when to involve the police
- What should school administrators and officials be concerned about
- Internet free speech
- Policy considerations and practical suggestions



Attendees are encouraged to bring copies of discipline policies and Acceptable Use Policies for discussion.

**Jay Worona** is general counsel to the NYS School Boards Association. He has served in this capacity since 1990. Prior to joining the Association, he served as an associate in a general practice law firm in Schenectady, NY.

Mr. Worona is responsible for representing the NYS School Boards Association and its membership of approximately 750 school districts in both direct and *amicus-curiae* (friend-of-the-Court) litigation on wide-ranging legal topics such as tenure and seniority rights of school employees, special education, the constitutional separation of church and state as it applies to the operation of public schools and the legal authority of school boards.

Mr. Worona is a frequent lecturer throughout the state and nation on education law and labor law issues.

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**Linda Bakst**, is Deputy Director of Policy Services for NYSSBA. Policy Services supports school districts across the state in crafting and implementing effective policy. Linda researches, writes and presents on various policy issues, including bullying, attendance, special education and fiscal oversight. Linda served for nine years as a Guilderland Central School District Board of Education member, including six years as chair of the Policy Committee.

A former policy and program analyst for the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance, Bakst also served as director of the NYS Project of the Anti-Defamation League's World of Difference Institute. She was a certified impartial hearing officer for the State Education Department, hearing disputes between parents and school districts regarding special education services.

Bakst earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a master of public administration degree from Columbia University.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 27, 2010  
**Time:** 9:00am - 12:00pm  
**Location:** Western Suffolk BOCES, Div of Instructional Support Svcs  
 31 Lee Avenue, Wheatley Heights, NY  
**Cost:** \$100pp  
*Please make payment to: Western Suffolk BOCES A506*  
*If mailing payment, please send to: Western Suffolk BOCES*  
 31 Lee Ave., Wheatley Heights, NY 11798 Att: Debbi Maxwell

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*Check with your district to see if you are a member of My Learning Plan  
Workshop flyer maps for directions can be found on MLP*

### For My Learning Plan Member Districts

If you are a member of My Learning Plan, you will be given a user name and password by your district. To see courses and to register, please do the following:

- ⇒ Log onto [www.mylearningplan.com](http://www.mylearningplan.com)
- ⇒ Click on the Western Suffolk BOCES Catalog link

*If your district does NOT have a link to the WS BOCES catalog,  
please copy this link into your web browser*

<http://www.wsboces.org/WebReg>

- ⇒ Select the course you'd like to enroll in
- ⇒ When ready, click the "Click to Enroll" button
- ⇒ Click MLP Users (Enter User Name & Password - Log in)
- ⇒ Enter personal registration information
- ⇒ Select payment method; click the "Next" button
- ⇒ Click Terms and Conditions button
- ⇒ Print the confirming enrollment form
- ⇒ Scroll down and read the rest of the information on the final screen
- ⇒ You will receive an email when you are registered

### For Non-My Learning Plan Districts

Please click on this link to see the WS BOCES catalog.

<http://www.wsboces.org/WebReg>

At the top of the page will be a purple box. The workshops are divided up into programs.

- ⇒ Highlight the program you'd like to search workshops in and "search catalog"
- ⇒ Workshops will be listed in date order
- ⇒ Select the course you would like to enroll in
- ⇒ Click the "click to enroll" button
- ⇒ **Registered Users:** click "I'm a Registered User", then enter your email address and password to log in. Click "update and continue".
- ⇒ **New Users:** Click on "I'm a New User" and complete the form. When finished, click the "Create Account" button.
- ⇒ Enter personal registration information
- ⇒ Select payment method; click the "next" button
- ⇒ Click Terms and Conditions button
- ⇒ **PRINT THE CONFIRMING ENROLLMENT FORM. AFTER RECEIVING ADMINISTRATIVE SIGNATURE, Please fax (631-623-4915) to WS BOCES**
- ⇒ Click return to main
- ⇒ Click "logout" button to finish the process
- ⇒ You will receive an email when you are registered.