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To: School District Personnel

From: Arizona School Facilities Board Staff

RE: Personal Message from the Executive Director

I recently attended a presentation to parents and students at Kyrene Elementary District by Scott Pietrzak, a long-tenured Valley Police Detective who now focuses on keeping students safe online.

I am a passionate believer that kids need access to tools that allow them to filter. Giving them knowledge leads to informed decisions. Detective Pietrzak's presentation taught me about vulnerabilities I didn't know existed so I want to share this resource with parents, students, teachers, and staff at every Arizona school district. Here is a LINK to just one of the videos from Scott's presentation that speaks volumes to young people.

Detective Pietrzak's contact information is HERE. I asked for his permission to share this with you and advised him he would likely be buried with requests to visit your schools. You won't be disappointed! The information was compelling, timely, and critically important because kids are at serious risk without knowing the content of his message.

Thank you for taking a moment to consider this and I'm hopeful you will recognize the value of engaging this outstanding opportunity to start the conversation.

Paul

About the Arizona School Facilities Board

Created in 1998, the Arizona School Facilities Board (AZSFB) is a cabinet-level, state-government agency managing nearly \$300 Million in state funding appropriated for K-12 school district facilities. The 10-member board meets monthly to grant funding for new school construction and to correct deficiencies at existing school facilities. AZSFB staff is a partner and advocate for school districts in facilitating successful grant requests.