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National Survey: Students Continue to Access Inappropriate Internet Content on School Computers

Porn, Violence and Games Seen As Continuing Challenge for Nation's Schools

SAN DIEGO – June 21, 2004 – A new national survey suggests schools could learn a lesson or two about protecting students from inappropriate content on the Internet.

A majority (59 percent) of school technology decision makers report incidents of students accessing inappropriate Web content at school in the past year, according to a survey commissioned by St. Bernard Software, a global provider of Web content filtering appliances to schools and businesses. Decision makers cite games as the biggest problem, followed by pornography, violence and hate sites.

The survey included 200 technology decision makers from small, medium and large school districts in suburban, rural and urban settings in 41 states. Forty-eight percent of respondents represented elementary schools, making the findings about access to inappropriate Web content even more disconcerting. The findings also suggest K-12 schools have some ground to make up to comply with federal requirements of the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA), which requires schools to prevent students from accessing inappropriate content on the Internet at school.

Highlights of the survey:

- 48 percent estimate their students spend more than two hours per week on the Internet during school hours.
- 59 percent report incidents of students accessing inappropriate Web content in the past year.
 - 45 percent cite examples of students accessing games
 - 39 percent cite examples of students accessing pornography
 - 25 percent cite examples of students accessing violent content
 - 19 percent cite examples of students accessing music file sharing sites
 - 13 percent cite examples of students accessing hate sites
- 59 percent note little improvement in the past year, saying the situation either remained about the same as the previous year, or worsened.

By a relatively large margin, the study finds that the main obstacles to effectively blocking offensive content on the Internet are a lack of adequate funding, lack of staff training and not enough time.

Lee Itzhaki, product manager for iPrism, St. Bernard Software's Web filtering appliance, said: "As this survey demonstrates, virtually all schools are facing budget and staff constraints. Our experience with school districts shows that they can overcome these obstacles by taking an appliance approach to Web filtering. This means there's no new software to purchase, and minimal cost and staff training time are required."

Despite their responses, school technology decision makers give their districts relatively high marks for adequately protecting students from inappropriate content on the Internet.

- 39 percent give their district a "A"
- 44 percent give their district an "B"
- 15 percent give their district a "C"
- 2 percent give their district a "D"
- 1 percent give their district an "F"

Itzhaki noted, "While survey results show there's room for improvement, it appears that these school technology pros are telling us that school districts are doing the best they can with limited resources, including budget, staff and time."

The survey was conducted by JAS Market Research, a leading independent research firm that specializes in educational research, and polled 200 technology decision-makers from K-12 schools during June 2004.

MEDIA NOTE: This news release and accompanying charts of the primary survey findings can be conveniently viewed and downloaded from this Web site:

<http://www.stbernard.com/presscenter/news/default.asp>

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