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Public Library Directors,

I have been asked by DPI Office of the State Superintendent to share this important information with you. I have cc'd your system directors so that they are aware of this communication as well.

In support of [Gov. Tony Evers' Executive Order #184](#), the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has banned the use of TikTok from DPI-owned and managed devices, **and blocked network traffic to TikTok services.**

As the Governor's [Executive Order #184](#) states, "under China's 2017 National Intelligence Law, all businesses registered or that have operations in China are required to assist the government of China in intelligence work, including data sharing and data collecting." This data sharing and collecting can include anything TikTok has access to, e.g., cameras, microphones, GPS locations, documents, etc., on devices where TikTok has been installed and access granted.

I encourage you and your public library to research this issue and consider similar actions regarding your organizations' equipment and networks due to privacy concerns.

Please assess the need for this application in your environment and advise your organizations as appropriate.

Thank you for considering this matter.

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