

**LOCAL LAWS  
OF  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

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**No. 83**

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Introduced by Council Members Abreu, Lee, Louis, Schulman, Maloney, Brewer, Feliz, Hankerson, Salaam, Brooks-Powers, Dinowitz, J. Sanchez, Ung, Hanks and Gennaro.

**A LOCAL LAW**

**To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of education to distribute materials to students about the risks of social media and online hate**

*Be it enacted by the Council as follows:*

Section 1. Title 21-A of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 43 to read as follows:

*CHAPTER 43*

*DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS ON THE RISKS OF SOCIAL MEDIA*

*§ 21-1015 Distribution of materials on the risks of social media. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:*

*Social media. The term “social media” means a website, program, or application that allows 1 or more users to create, view, share, comment, or otherwise interact with information and with other users of such website, program, or application. Such website, program, or application may use 1 or more algorithms to personalize or moderate the dissemination of information for a user or group of users.*

*b. No later than September 30, 2026, and annually thereafter, the department shall distribute to each middle and high school of the city school district of the city of New York, to be made available to students in writing, in hard copy, or electronically, the following information using plain, simple, and age-appropriate language:*

*1. Evidence-based information about the risks and dangers associated with using social media, particularly for young people, including, but not limited to, social media addiction, negative impacts on mental and physical health, the dangers of engaging with strangers online, and the risks and dangers of bullying, harassment, intimidation, and discrimination in online forums;*

*2. Information about misinformation and disinformation, including their role in perpetuating or amplifying hate, bias, and discrimination, and the importance of independent research, primary sources, and the need for independent verification; and*

*3. Methods for preventing or mitigating the harm that social media may cause.*

*c. The materials to be distributed pursuant to subdivision b of this section shall be updated annually to reflect changes in evidence-based information and best practices in relation to social media use.*

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on March 26, 2026 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on April 27, 2026.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 83 of 2026, Council Int. No. 22-A of 2026) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor, and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

BRENDA COOKE, Acting Corporation Counsel.