

LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING BALANCED INSTRUCTION THROUGH REDUCED SCREEN TIME

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students receive a high-quality education that promotes academic excellence, critical thinking, and long-term retention of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that handwriting and reading from paper materials can strengthen comprehension, memory, and focus compared to exclusively using digital devices; and

WHEREAS, pen-and-paper instruction helps minimize distractions often associated with electronic devices while supporting the development of organizational and fine motor skills; and

WHEREAS, technology provides important tools for instruction, including resources for remote learning, online curriculum components, and career-readiness skills; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the most effective learning environments strike a balance between traditional instructional practices and thoughtful use of digital tools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lee County Board of Education affirms its support for pen-and-paper instruction as a core element of classroom learning, particularly for note-taking, reading comprehension, writing, and assessments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lee County Schools will ensure that students and teachers have access to high-quality learning resources in multiple formats, including printed and digital materials, with selections guided by data and vetted by a committee of educators, and affirms its support for the implementation of all district-approved curriculum resources; and will continue to provide professional development to educators on blending traditional and digital approaches effectively; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board encourages the intentional and balanced use of digital devices, reserving screen time for activities where technology provides clear instructional benefits, while also ensuring that students are prepared to use digital tools for state testing and other required online assessments.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Lee County Board of Education on this 9th day of September 2025.

ATTEST:



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Superintendent



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