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To all whom it may concern.

Over the last few years, I have watched with increasing concern the social media habits among both adults and children. Social media has fundamentally changed how people consume and interact with news and media in general, and it developed so quickly and without warning that our educational systems haven't had time to adapt to the changing environment.

The ability to critically consume and interact with social media in a safe and ethical manner is arguably just as, if not more important to the average student as education in traditional fields like math, science, history and literature. This isn't a process that can be done overnight, and now is the time to begin making changes that will bring positive change to future students.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Micah Penner