

CALHOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent, Dr. Ferlondo Tullock



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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, inclusive, and academically focused learning environment for all students, I want to take a moment to address a recent topic that has gained attention in some communities. The “764 movement” is a dangerous online network targeting children and teens through social media, gaming platforms, and encrypted messaging apps. Authorities, including The SC Dept. of Education, South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson, and the FBI have issued warnings about its harmful activities, which include coercion, sextortion, and the promotion of violence.

How to Protect Your Child Online

1. Open Communication:

Maintain regular, honest conversations with your child about their online activities. Encourage them to share any uncomfortable experiences.

2. Monitor Online Activity:

Be aware of the platforms and games your child uses. Utilize parental controls and privacy settings to limit exposure to potential threats.

3. Educate About Online Risks:

Teach your child about the dangers of interacting with strangers online and the importance of not sharing personal information or images.

4. Recognize Warning Signs:

Be alert to changes in behavior, such as increased secrecy, withdrawal from family, or unexplained distress. These may indicate exposure to harmful online influences.

5. Report Suspicious Activity:

If you suspect your child is being targeted, report the incident to local law enforcement and the appropriate online platform.

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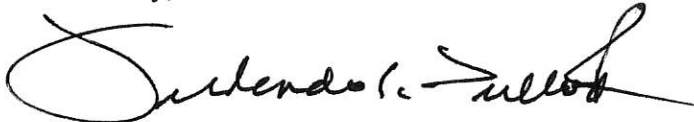
Resources for Assistance

- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC):
Report online exploitation at <https://report.cybertip.org> or call 1-800-THE-LOST.
- South Carolina Attorney General's Office:
Provides resources and information on protecting children from online threats.
- School Counselors and Mental Health Professionals:
Offer support and guidance for children affected by online exploitation.

Staying informed and proactive is key to safeguarding your child against online threats like the 764 movement. By fostering open communication and monitoring online activities, you can help ensure their safety in the digital world.

Together, we will continue to create a positive and welcoming environment for every student.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ferlondo C. Tullock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dr. Ferlondo Tullock
Superintendent