

Filters/ Firewalls/ Policies

Exploring “The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly” about Internet access options in School Districts

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Session Notes:

Brazosport ISD, CCISD, Tomball ISD and Pearland ISD were part of this discussion. BISD uses Google Apps. TISD is an exchange district.

How are policies being applied through the firewall or filter? Blanket policy and internal policy. Guest Policy, BYOD

CCISD -Guest wireless - more of a starbucks model -- open wireless model. Uses Clear Pass

Students tablets are doing machine authentication and deny access to the guest network.

No Youtube, no streaming access whatsoever.

Multit-tiered access by grade level

rules set for intermediate, elementary, or high school.

TISD - radius server

no authentication for students

Palo Alto has a new fix for safe search

Pearland ISD - we are already doing what CCISD wants to do. We are one SSID. The network "Knows" where each user belongs

Teachers need to be part of the filtering process. we can only filter to some degree.

Making the integrated lessons keeping in mind what they can and can't get to and being proactive about the appropriate content.

Threat model instead of looking at websites from an instructional value.

Perception about what we block... streaming music.

Username and password complexity issues being resolved within all districts.

Educate teachers about the usernames and passwords.