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Mr. Jeremy Belfield
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Dear Mr. Jeremy Belfield:

Pursuant to New York State Education Law §2803, public schools must implement distraction-free school policies prohibiting students' use of internet-enabled devices during the school day on school grounds. To help support the implementation of such policies, your BOCES, OSWEGO BOCES is eligible to receive an allocation of \$18,203 under Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2025 based on its enrollment in grades 7 through 12, the students most likely to have such devices.

To receive this allocation, eligible recipients must (1) submit a URL that links directly to the distraction-free school plan/policy that has been publicly posted and (2) attest that uses of these funds will be consistent with New York State guidance. This information must be submitted through [the SED Monitoring and Vendor Performance System](#) no later than August 1, 2025, consistent with the statutory deadline for each BOCES, charter school, and school district to adopt and publish this policy on its website.

Once the link and attestation are submitted, a payment in the amount of \$18,203 will be remitted to OSWEGO BOCES from the New York State Treasury on or before August 29, 2025, the last business day of the month. These funds are to be used exclusively for the implementation of distraction-free school policies. After funds are expended, eligible recipients must complete a brief survey explaining the use of these funds in the same portal.

Information about eligible uses, guidance, and more may be found at the State Aid website (<https://stateaid.nysed.gov>). If you have questions regarding the SED Monitoring forms, please contact studentsupportservices@nysed.gov. For questions about payments, please contact OMSSAMS@nysed.gov or (518) 474-2977.

Sincerely,

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