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**Statement from Superintendent Brent Jones**  
***SPS files complaint against several social media companies***

**Seattle** – Statement from Superintendent Brent Jones:

It has become increasingly clear that many children are burdened by mental health challenges. Our students - and young people everywhere - face unprecedented, learning and life struggles that are amplified by the negative impacts of increased screen time, unfiltered content, and potentially addictive properties of social media. We are confident and hopeful that this lawsuit is a significant step toward reversing this trend for our students.

Our school district – like school districts everywhere – should be providing an exceptional education for students. We need partners to work with us as we serve our young people, rather than companies placing a priority on profiting from the digital habits they’ve created as a way of captivating our students’ attention. Our obligation is to create the conditions for students to thrive and have high quality learning experiences. The harm caused by these companies runs counter to that. That’s why we’re joining the growing list of individuals and organizations who are demanding change.

While we attach importance to our duty and role as a provider of mental and emotional health supports, that is not and should not be our primary function. Students need the necessary supports that allow them to be kids with inquisitive minds, a hunger for education, and a love of learning.

Use [this link](#) to read the complaint filed Friday, Jan. 6, 2023. Link directs to website of Keller Rohrbach Law Offices.

Use [this link](#) to read additional information about the lawsuit. Link directs to website of Seattle Public Schools.

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