

## ConnectSafely releases The Educator's Guide to Social Media

PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, August 18, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- ConnectSafely.org, a leading non-profit Internet safety organization, today released The Educator's Guide to Social Media to help K-12 educators better understand how to use social media in the classroom and for professional development while making smart decisions that protect and enhance their professional reputation.

The guide answers the following and more:

- How should educators protect their privacy on social media?
- When and how should educators interact with students, parents and colleagues via social media?
- How can educators use social media in the classroom?

"Social media can be a great tool for education," said ConnectSafely CEO Larry Magid. "This guide helps educators navigate and take advantage of social media in class and for professional development while helping them protect their reputation as well as the privacy, safety and security of students and staff."

"Educators should feel empowered by social media," said co-author and educator Kerry Gallagher. "The connections that teachers can make with passionate colleagues around the world can help them create more innovative lessons, access better resources, and find opportunities for their students to learn directly from experts."

## About ConnectSafely

ConnectSafely.org is a Silicon Valley, Calif.-based nonprofit organization dedicated to educating users of connected technology about safety, privacy and security with research-based safety tips, parents' guidebooks, advice, news and commentary on all aspects of tech use and policy. The guide joins ConnectSafely's parents' guides series, which includes guides to student data privacy, mobile phones, cyberbullying, cybersecurity, Instagram and Snapchat as well as safety tips on a variety of tech-related issues.

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