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### Helping Students Navigate Group Chat Drama — from FOMO to gossip and beyond

Who: Heads of School, Division Heads and Counselors

When: Wednesday, October 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Where: Virtual on Zoom

## **Session Description:**

Group chats are a popular way for students to socialize, but they can also bring drama, misunderstandings, and distractions. In this presentation, educators will learn how to address the drama and empower students to navigate group chats confidently, fostering stronger friendships and self-confidence.

#### Attendees will learn:

- Ways to equip students with strategies to handle group chat drama respectfully.
- How to address common issues like cyberbullying, setting boundaries, and fostering self-confidence.
- Ways to facilitate ongoing conversations with students and promote healthy online interactions.
- Strategies for guiding students through disagreements related to current events such as the upcoming U.S. presidential election.

### **Presenter Bio:**



Chelsea Lopez is a digital native with over 5 years in education, K-8. She began her teaching career as a Special Education teacher before taking on the role of Intervention Coordinator. In her time in education, she was also a middle school cheerleading coach, softball coach, and assistant athletic director. Currently, she is

the Director of Educator Advancement at The Social Institute, supporting schools to empower students to navigate their social worlds, both online and offline, in positive and high-character ways. She has presented at CSCA, NWAIS, and other leading education conferences.

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