Be Aware of the on-line tools your students are using

Are you aware of all the apps your students have uploaded to their school Chromebooks and tablets? Or the apps they are accessing with their school email accounts? If not, it is time to become aware. Some of the newest apps designed to help students manage their class schedules and homework assignments are gathering information about your school's daily schedule and activities directly through students, as well as web scraping a district's website. Using so-called "student ambassadors," these apps collect all types of details about day-to-day activities in schools, such as the school's bell schedule, teacher names, student class schedules (and therefore their location at any point in the day), homework assignments, extracurricular schedules and more. Don't bother to seek an Ed Law 2-d contract with these companies – they are not interested and will tell you they only deal with the students. If your school is not comfortable having all of this information available in a platform that is not under contract with your school, then you may need to intervene.

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