

This choice is a critical pivot point for your high-level implementation plan, specifically regarding **FIPPA/MFIPPA compliance**. While both options offer privacy, they solve for different psychological and legal needs.

To help you decide, consider these **two situational pressure tests** that explore the trade-offs between tactile certainty and digital seamlessness:

**Scenario A: The "Tactile Verification" Test (Physical Slider)**

A student is feeling sensory overload and "Taboo Frustration". They are highly skeptical of the school's "Broken Portals" and IT surveillance.

- **The Situation:** The student needs to be 100% certain that the "Sanctuary Switch" is active before they begin to "vent".
- **The Outcome:** By sliding a **physical "Sanctuary Switch"** that breaks the circuit, the student feels a haptic "click."
- **The Question:** Is the psychological benefit of a **physical circuit-break**—the "Gold Standard" for protecting neurodivergent users from data harvesting —worth the risk of a student forgetting to "re-engage" the robot's advocacy tools later?

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**Scenario B: The "Discreet Transition" Test (Software Icon)**

The student is in a crowded hallway where they are trying to avoid "Social Eviction" and maintain their "Status Guard".

- **The Situation:** They feel a meltdown coming and need to move the robot into "Private Sanctuary" mode.
- **The Outcome:** The student performs a subtle **double-tap on a screen** or a software toggle. This is less noticeable to peers, preventing a "Status Scar" caused by drawing attention to the device's state.
- **The Question:** If you choose a software toggle, how will you prove to the **Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (IPC)** that "Early Morning" data leakage is physically impossible?

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**Summary Table: Hardware vs. Software Kill-Switch**

Feature	Physical Slider ("Sanctuary Switch")	Software Icon/Toggle
Trust Mechanism	Visual and tactile proof of a broken circuit.	Reliance on "On-Device Processing" logic.

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<b>User Experience</b>	Intentional, "Radical Privacy".	Faster, more discreet "Social Physics".
<b>Legal Standing</b>	Strongest proof for FIPPA/MFIPPA compliance.	Requires complex software audits for "Cognitive Sovereignty".
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**Which direction fits your vision for "Cognitive Sovereignty"?** If you select the physical slider, I can help you design the **"Hand-Off" Protocol** to ensure the student knows when it's safe to switch back to "Classroom Mode"