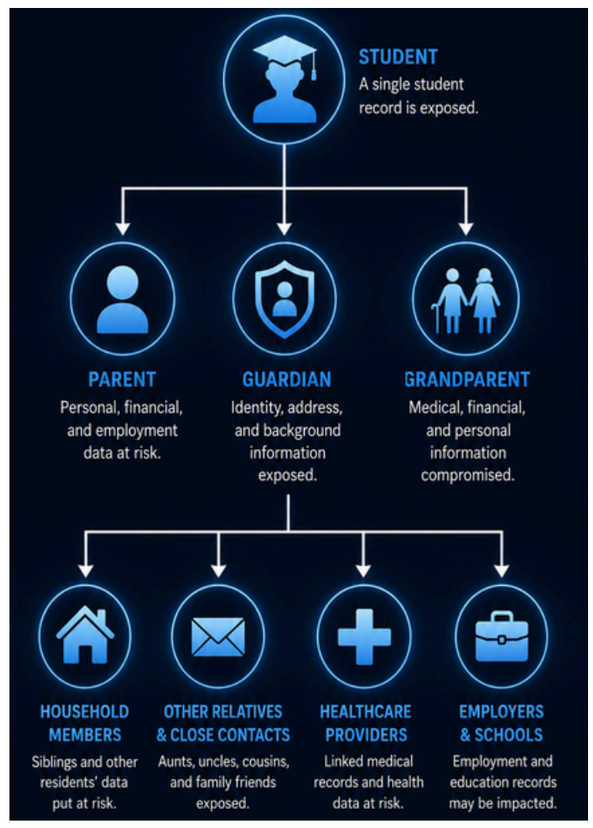
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The State of K-12 Cybersecurity

Four Cyber Risks Every School District Should Be Preparing For

School districts safeguard some of the most sensitive data in their communities. As cyber threats become more sophisticated, protecting that information is no longer just an IT responsibility—it's essential to student safety, operational continuity, and community trust. Because school systems connect students, families, caregivers, educators, and support networks, the impact of a cyber incident often extends far beyond the classroom.



Protecting student data means protecting entire households.

A single student record can connect an entire network of parents, caregivers, emergency contacts, healthcare providers, and educators.

As threats continue to evolve and AI enables increasingly sophisticated attacks, cybersecurity must be treated as a community safety, trust, and resilience issue.

Sensitive Student and Family Data

Student records often include medical, behavioral, and special education information alongside parent, guardian, and emergency contact data. Because students often don't discover identity theft until years later, compromised records can create long-term privacy, identity, reputational, and future professional risks.

Ransomware Disruption

Ransomware attacks can disrupt instruction, transportation, communications, and access to critical student services. The question is not whether districts face cyber threats, but whether they're prepared to respond.



AI-Driven Social Engineering

Artificial intelligence is making phishing emails, fraudulent messages, and voice-cloning attacks more convincing than ever. School employees, administrators, and families are increasingly targeted through personalized scams.

Third-Party Vendor Risk

Districts rely on numerous third-party technology providers that may have access to sensitive data. A single vendor breach can quickly become a district-wide incident.



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