



## Organization - Wide Training

**How?** Incorporate cybersecurity training into mandatory back-to-school meetings and reemphasize the training in meetings throughout the year

**Why?** Users are the first line of defense against cyberattacks. Training can prevent users from falling victim to scams



## Update and Patch Software

**How?** Set up automatic security updates on all devices

**Why?** Cybercriminals exploit known vulnerabilities in software that has not been updated



## Monitor Suspicious Network Activity

**How?** Install antivirus software for continuous and automatic threat detection and take advantage of the free scanning resources offered by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

**Why?** Early detection can prevent or mitigate the worst of the damage of cyberattacks



**How?** Set up automatic daily backup to at least one onsite and one offsite location

**Why?** Ensures data recovery and minimizes operations disruptions in the event of a cyberattack

## BOOST YOUR SCHOOL'S SAFETY BY TAKING THESE STEPS TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES

## Limit Exposure to Suspicious Content

**How?** Set up email filters to automatically quarantine spam and suspicious emails. Teach all users to be cautious with links and attachments from unknown senders and to notify IT personnel of suspicious emails

**Why?** Defends against email phishing, the leading way ransomware attacks begin



## Use Multi-Factor Authentication

**How?** Use a combination of strong passwords along with a verification code sent to a cell phone, email, or authentication app

**Why?** Reduces risk of successful cyber breaches. MFA blocks 100% of automated bots, 99% of bulk phishing, and 66% of targeted user attacks



## Practice Incident Response and Build Relationships

**How?** Develop a cybersecurity incident response plan using CISA's guide and build relationships with local cybersecurity and law enforcement authorities

**Why?** Minimizes negative impact of attacks by ensuring operational continuity and minimizes educational disruption in the event of an attack