



To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	Jan. 3, 2019
SUBJECT:	Cybersecurity Tips and Tools Webinar Series
CATEGORY:	Cybersecurity Continued Education
NEXT STEPS:	Share with interested staff

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) would like to inform school districts and open-enrollment charter schools of an upcoming opportunity to participate in a series of webinars being conducted by TEA. The webinars will be led by TEA's Chief Information Security Officer, Frosty Walker, in collaboration with the Data Security Advisory Committee (DSAC) to provide insight regarding the resources available at the Cybersecurity Tips and Tools section of the [Texas Gateway](#) portal.

Data Security Advisory Committee

The DSAC, consisting of members of school districts and Education Service Centers, provides guidance to Texas education communities on maximizing collaboration and communication regarding information security issues and resources. The DSAC has reviewed and recommended the Cybersecurity Tips and Tools, which have been shared on the portal.

Date/Time	Cybersecurity Tips and Tools – A Guide on Cyber Attacks and Malware
<p>Wednesday, January 30, 2019 1:00 pm –2:00 pm CST</p> <p>Webinar Registration https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3770315927049791746</p>	<p>The January 30th webinar provides information regarding common types of cybersecurity attacks and malicious activities. This presentation will include information regarding cyber threats such as phishing, spear phishing, viruses, trojans, ransomware, denial of service attacks, and SQL injection attacks as well as best practices to help prevent them from having a major impact on your organization. Representatives interested in information security issues and resources, which can be utilized within the education communities, are encouraged to attend.</p>

Date/Time	Cybersecurity Tips and Tools – Establishing a Security Awareness Program
<p>Wednesday, March 27, 2019 1:00 pm –2:00 pm CDT</p> <p>Webinar Registration https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4872991949290571266</p>	<p>The March 27th webinar provides information regarding establishing a Security Awareness Training program and what should be included in the program to make it beneficial to both your end users and your organization. This presentation will cover who should be included, what they really need to know and how to ensure your end users are using the information they are receiving. Representatives interested in information security issues and resources, which can be utilized within the education communities, are encouraged to attend.</p>

Date/Time	Cybersecurity Tips and Tools – Keys Elements of Effective Risk Management
<p>Wednesday, May 1, 2019 1:00 pm –2:00 pm CDT</p> <p>Webinar Registration https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5743254303163672322</p>	<p>The May 1st webinar provides information regarding some of the key elements for effective risk management. This presentation focuses on elements such as formalized risk assessment, controls assessment, risk decision making, risk tracking, sign-off for residual risk and accountability. Understanding these elements will assist your organization in balancing mitigation, acceptance and transfer of residual risk through conscious decision making. Representatives interested in information security issues and resources, which can be utilized within the education communities, are encouraged to attend.</p>

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