



Annual NYS Ed-Law 2D Status Report

Ogdensburg City School District
July 2021

An Old Law with New Regulations

- The original law was established in 2014
- In early 2020, the law was amended to include several new regulations over five key areas:
 - Governance and procedure policies
 - Software contracts required for handling personal identifiable information (PII) or teacher APPR data
 - Parent Transparency
 - Organization wide cyber awareness and security training plans
 - Annual risk assessment and mitigation identification to evaluate effectiveness of the cyber security program

Governance and Policy Documents

- Review and updating of key documents for identification of current technology component, essential company and personnel contacts
 - Adopted and updated BOE policies involving Data Privacy and Security
 - Statement of Best Practices for IT procedures

Software Vendor, APP and Website Contracts

- Software companies are required to sign contracts that they are actively participating in current industry standards for securing protected data, and that they are not openly sharing data with another 3rd party or using the data for marketing or other profitable venues.
- Typically these are annual contracts held often at the state level, from NERIC, ITCC, CLCC, Erie 1 or Erie 2 BOCES
- All other contracts are held through SLL BOCES

Parent Transparency

- Family Bill of Rights
- A process for parent concerns has been established (outlined in the Policy)
- Data Privacy Officer: Kevin Kendall is the primary contact
- The software list is available for parents review on the District website as well as the contracts and supplemental information to include statements of educational value of their product and reasonable safeguards for our data

Cyber Awareness Training Program

- District wide training includes:
 - New Employee Orientation regarding cyber security
 - Periodic email alerts and notifications regarding hoaxes, scams and phishing
- Ongoing training for specific stakeholders
 - DPO--on going training through NERIC, SLL BOCES and from the Ferrara Law Firm
 - For 2021-22, regular reminders to all staff regarding PII identification and protection

Risk Assessment was completed:

Executive Summary from SLL BOCES IT Services

During the 2020-2021 a cyber security risk assessment was performed for the Ogdensburg City School District.

The school provides educational services for the Pre-K to Grade 12 students in the district. The school handles PII protected information on behalf of the student population, their parents, school teachers and staff.

The assessment identified some medium risk items that have been addressed. Many of these items are due to the high level of global attacks on education at this time.

There were no cybersecurity events involving Ed-Law 2d and no parent concerns filed in the 2020-2021 school year.