

Educational Technology Monthly Call

November 9, 2023



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Agenda

- Digital Learning Updates
- Cybersecurity
- Emergency Connectivity Fund, E-Rate, and ACP
- Important Reminders and Other Information

Note: Matthew McKey from GOHSEP will be attending next month's meeting on December 14.



Digital Learning Updates



CSEd Week 2023

LDOE STEM Initiative is excited to announce that CSEd Week resources are now posted on our [LDOE STEM initiative web page](#)!

We encourage you to share these resources with your stakeholders and help us encourage schools to take part in CSEd Week December 4-8.

If you know of a school doing amazing Computer Science work, please share their information with us or encourage them to complete this [form](#) so that we can recognize them.

Please contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions.



Student Privacy Laws for Staff

- In the digital age, protecting student information is crucial for educators and leaders. The LDOE has released a support resource covering key privacy laws (FERPA, COPPA, CIPA), vital terms (PII, AUP, LEA), and practical steps.
- The [Student Privacy Laws for Staff](#) resource can be conveniently located on both the [Educational Technology Leaders](#) and the [Educational Technology Teachers](#) website.

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Technology Readiness (TRT) Data Request

- All school systems are asked to submit their [Technology Readiness Data](#) by November 15th. School Systems have 2 options to submit data:

Option 1: Submit via the [Technology Readiness Data](#) Jot Form.

- Enter the device data and network data on one form.
- Enter the device data each school in your school system on a separate row under School System Device Data. Add additional rows by clicking the “+Add Row” button.

Option 2: Submit by entering the data into the TRT Excel file which can be found on the [Digital Learning website](#) and e-mailing the file to edtech@la.gov.

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Kami for Louisiana Onboarding

- Every K-12 school system teachers and students will have access to the premium version of Kami for the 2024-2025 school year at zero cost to the school system.
- Onboarding and early adopters can begin setting up their district-wide Kami account by filling out the [LDOE Kami Intake Form](#).
- Official license kick off will at Teacher Leader Summit 2024.
- Intensive professional development over the summer and will also be available at the school system level upon request.
- Kami will be at LACUE to answer questions and provide professional development.

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Cybersecurity



#StopRansomware Guide

- CISA, NSA, FBI, and MS-ISAC released an updated [#StopRansomware Guide](#). The update includes new prevention tips like SMB protocol hardening, revised response steps, and threat hunting insights.
- The guide, developed by the [U.S. Joint Ransomware Task Force \(JRTF\)](#), is a one-stop resource for organizations to minimize ransomware risks.
- It covers detection, prevention, response, and recovery, offering step-by-step approaches.
- Organizations are urged to implement guide recommendations to reduce ransomware incidents.
- For details, visit CISA's [Stop Ransomware page](#).

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AWS K12 Cyber Grant Program

The [AWS K12 Cyber Grant](#) program's goal is to help K12 schools address growing cybersecurity challenges, AWS is awarding \$20 million in AWS promotional credits for schools to implement cloud based cybersecurity solutions.

- The grant is available to existing and new customers.
- Grant award takes into account student population size being served by the eligible K12 entity and the scope of the proposed AWS solution(s).
- Grant credits can be used for 12 months from the date of issue, or until depleted. Grant application details and form are available [here](#).
- Deadline to apply is December 31, 2023.
- For more information please contact Maria Thompson at Thammari@amazon.com

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Webinar: A School's Guide to Cybersecurity - Insights Into The 2023 CIS MS-ISAC K-12 Report

Date: Monday, November 13, 2023 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

CIS MS-ISAC 2023 K-12 Cybersecurity report will be released later this month. The report offers vital insights into the state of cybersecurity in the K-12 sector.

MS-ISAC invites you to join this [webinar](#) featuring a panel of K-12 experts to discuss CIS MS-ISAC K-12 Cybersecurity Report and its implications for public schools nationwide.



Cyber Advisories and Alerts

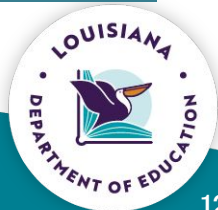
There were 16 new advisories posted during the month of October. Below are advisories that have come out since our last call that are currently being exploited in the wild. Please apply appropriate updates provided by the software and/or system vendor.

- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2023-129: [A Vulnerability in Atlassian Confluence Server and Data Center Could Allow for Data Destruction](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2023-127: [Multiple Vulnerabilities in Apple Products Could Allow for Arbitrary Code Execution](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2023-122: [A Vulnerability in Cisco IOS XE Software Web UI Could Allow for Privilege Escalation](#)

A complete list of all Advisories available [here](#).

CISA Cybersecurity Alert: [Guidance for Addressing Citrix NetScaler ADC and Gateway Vulnerability CVE-2023-4966, Citrix Bleed](#)

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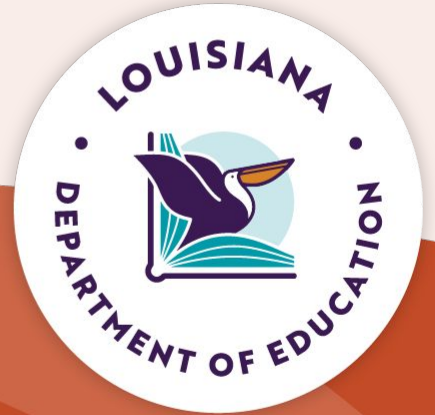
FCC Electronic Cybersecurity Label Update:

The FCC is proposing to institute a “U.S. Cyber Trust Mark” program to help consumers identify trustworthy internet devices such as laptops and cellphones that meet certain cybersecurity standards. The program, as proposed, would identify such devices only with printed labels that would be useful, in our view, only at the point of purchase.

The deadline for filing cyber-labeling reply comments is this Friday, November 10th. To express reply, go to the FCC’s “[Submit a FILING](#)” site, specifying “23 239” as the proceeding number on the first line.



E-Rate and Emergency Connectivity Fund



Louisiana Fall Face-to-Face E-Rate Training

- The Department is partnering with E-Rate Professional Services to host two face-to-face E-Rate trainings for newbies and those who have been filing for a number of years.
- Dates:
 - November 14th - Vendor Training - Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge
 - December 5 - Applicant Training (to register click [here](#)).

We will also broadcast the participant session via Zoom for those who are interested. Just register at the link provided and we will confirm if you will attend in-person or virtually the week prior to the training. Lunch will be provided for the in-person event.

Please contact erate@la.gov with questions.



EPC Administration Window

The EPC administrative window opened on October 24th. Applicants can now update their entity profiles (including student counts and NSLP percentages) in advance of the FY 2024 application window. USAC will close the administrative window shortly before the Form 471 application window opens in mid-January, at which point EPC entity profiles will be locked during the window.

All applicants should review their entity profiles to make sure that their EPC information is correct. Please note:

- Earlier updates they made to their entity profiles may have been overwritten by USAC as a result of the PIA reviews of their FY 2023 applications.
- Rural/urban status as of FY 2024 will now be determined based on the 2020 census. USAC is updating discount rates in EPC — up or down by 5-10% — for approximately 500 school and district applicants. Any such changes will also affect the discount rates of associated libraries and consortia.

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E-Rate New BEAR System Goes Live

The New BEAR system inside of EPC went live on Nov. 8, 2023. Applicants and vendors filing for reimbursements must use this system for requesting funds. Recorded trainings on how to use the system are provided on the [E-Rate Videos page](#). We will also cover this new system as part of the face-to-face training.

The first disbursements from EPC-processed requests for reimbursement are expected to begin today, November 9, 2023.

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E-Rate e-Learning Modules (eLMs)

To support the transition from SL Legacy systems to EPC, USAC is also rolling out e-Learning modules (eLMs) for applicants and service providers so they can learn how to submit E-Rate invoices (FCC Forms 472/BEAR and 474/SPI) using EPC when the system consolidation is complete. The eLMs will be available October 3, 2023 on the [E-Rate Videos page](#).

To support the eLMs and to answer questions applicants and service providers may have while learning about the new E-Rate invoicing process using EPC, USAC has also scheduled upcoming Office Hours sessions. Visit the [Webinars](#) page to register for one of the sessions below.

- Applicant Session 1 - video has been posted to the videos page
- Applicant Session 5 - Nov. 15, 2023, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. CST

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Upcoming E-Rate Deadlines

- Nov 10 - Revised due date (DA 23-852) for reply comments on the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 23-65) on cybersecurity labeling for internet devices.
- Nov 24 - Due date for additional comments on the proposed Eligible Services List ("ESL") (DA 23-1011) for FY 2024 regarding the eligibility of Wi-Fi on school buses. There is no provision for additional reply comments.
- Dec 5 - Louisiana Face-to-Face and virtual E-Rate Training for applicants.

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Education Technology Monthly Webinar & Meeting Dates



2023-2024 Education Technology Monthly Webinars

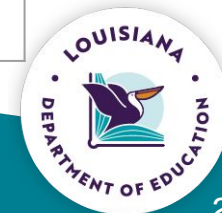
Slides from each meeting will be posted on the [Educational Technology Leaders website](#). Recordings are available on request. A [complete calendar](#) of LDOE events can be found on the Louisiana Believes website.

Upcoming Monthly Call Dates

- December 14
- January 11
- February 8
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9

Time:	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Webinar Link	https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/575223228?pwd=NDNlN01SS3c0Rk4wV25aNkZhTEc2Zz09
Phone Number	1-301-715-8592
Meeting ID	Meeting ID: 575 223 228 Password: 2020-202!

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Reminders



Technology and Security Contacts

Based on recent events it is even more important that we at the State have the correct information for all security contacts at **all** school systems. This includes:

- Name
- Title
- Work Phone
- Work Email
- Cell Phone Number

Please update your LEA's contact information [here](#) if you have not already done so.

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