



# Cybersecurity Audit Review

**Connection to Strategic Plan 2021-2025:**

Demonstrate stewardship by allocating resources  
effectively and equitably.

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## This presentation will cover:

1. A landscape of ongoing cybersecurity threats
2. Viewing cybersecurity as a team
3. Getting a comprehensive external view
4. A general review of the audit
5. Implementation plans



# **BACKGROUND OF AUDIT**

# Cybersecurity Landscape



In the last 3-5 years there is a noted increase in:

- Ransomware
- Phishing attacks
- Malware
- Password attacks
- Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks

# Cybersecurity as a Team



Takes a team to build a culture:

- Board of Education
- District leadership
- Tech25
- Building leadership
- All end users

# Getting an External View



## Cosmopolis

- Comprehensive Penetration Test
- Enterprise Risk Assessment
- Enterprise Incident Response Program

# Overall Feedback



Letter of Attestation lists that:

- District 25 has in place the elements for a Culture of Cybersecurity
- Low incidence of actionable vulnerabilities
- Up-to-date systems and technology
- Low incidence of default login credentials
- A thoughtful and detailed network



# IMPLEMENTATION



# Implementation Areas



## Account Management

- Multi-factor authentication & password complexity
- Account access – least privilege

## Vendor Management

- Requesting cybersecurity profile
- Data privacy agreements for all vendors with personal data

## Network Monitoring and Backups

- Exploration of recommended tools
- Continuation of redundant, multiple site backups

# Implementation Areas



## Procedures

- Incident response
- Data breach
- Annual Reviews
- Patching and updates

## User Training and Awareness

- Phishing campaigns
- Password management and malware

# Beyond the Audit



## Membership and Resources

- Consortium for School Networking (COSN)
- Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC)
- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)
- K-12 Security Information Exchange
- Cyberpools



**QUESTIONS?**