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Welcome!



On behalf of the K12 Security Information eXchange (K12 SIX), I welcome you to the 2nd Annual National K-12 Cybersecurity Leadership Conference in beautiful Savannah, Georgia.

This year's conference sessions and keynotes will shed light on emerging trends, best practices, and high-quality resources developed specifically by and for the K-12 community. With school representatives hailing from 32 states—and access to federal leaders from the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency and the U.S. Department of Education—you won't find another event like it.

Over the day and a half of the event, we look forward to learning from and with you, to networking, and to sharing best practices. Indeed, there is something to be said for shaking a hand or sharing a story that helps build the trust necessary to strengthen information sharing in support of enhanced K-12 cybersecurity.

K-12 cybersecurity is a team sport: we all have important roles to play. Listen closely, stay curious, and be generous in sharing advice. And—perhaps most important of all—commit to implementing lessons learned when you return home.

Ever onward,

Doug Levin
Director, K12 SIX

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AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

All Times Eastern Standard Time

7:00 – 9:00 pm Welcome Reception — *Sponsored by ClassLink* Pool Deck

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

All Times Eastern Standard Time

7:30 am Registration Opens Foyer

7:30 – 8:30 am Breakfast Foyer/Madison

8:30 – 9:45 am
Opening Remarks & Keynote
Working with Federal Partners to Reduce K-12 Cybersecurity Risk
Alaina Clark, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)
Michael Klein, U.S. Department of Education
Doug Levin, K12 Security Information eXchange (K12 SIX) Madison

9:45 – 10:00 am Transition Break Foyer

State Cyber Funding and Leadership Success Strategies
Sue Ellen Gilliland, Alabama State Department of Education
Susan Poling, Alabama Leaders in Educational Technology (ALET) Ossabaw

10:00 – 10:45 am
Introducing the Global Education Security Standard
Neal Richardson, Hillsboro-Deering School District
Steve Smith, Access 4 Learning Community (A4L) Sapelo

What Do You Mean We Can't Process Payroll? Tabletop Exercises for Superintendents and Executive Leadership
Rachel Wentz-Chaney, High Desert Education Service District Madison

10:45 – 11:15 am Networking Break — *Sponsored by CrowdStrike* Cumberland

Meeting the K-12 Cybersecurity Challenge with Firewall-As-A-Service
Joe Cosmano, iboss
Richard Quinones, iboss Ossabaw

11:15 – 12:00 pm
Leveraging AI for Security in Education
Corey Lee, Microsoft Sapelo

Perspectives from the Frontlines
Dr. Tim Tillman, Chesterfield County Public Schools
Michael Webb, Identity Automation Madison

12:00 – 1:15 pm
Lunch Keynote
Securing Artificial Intelligence — Are You Ready?
Helen Patton, Cisco Systems, Inc Foyer/Madison

1:15 – 1:30 pm Transition Break

Protect Your School Community with the K12 SIX Essential Cybersecurity Protections
Doug Levin, K12 Security Information eXchange (K12 SIX)
April Mardock, Seattle Public Schools Ossabaw

1:30 – 3:00 pm
K-12 Toolkit for Cyber Incident Response
Krissy Cross, Arkansas Department of Information Systems
Alan Floyd, North Arkansas Education Service Cooperative
Ray Girdler, Arkansas Department of Information Systems
Evan Patrick, Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative Sapelo

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3:00 – 3:30 pm	Networking Break	Cumberland
3:30 – 4:15 pm	StateRAMP: Protecting Students' Data in the Cloud <i>Leah McGrath, StateRAMP Chance Grubb, StateRAMP</i>	Ossabaw
	You Need Friends In Your Cyber Fight: Building Security Programs Using a Regional Cohort Model <i>Jason Borglum, South Central Service Cooperative</i>	Sapelo
	CISA Cyber Mission and Resource Briefing <i>Stanton Gatewood, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)</i>	Madison
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10:00 – 10:45 am	North Carolina PSU Third Party Vendor Data Integration <i>Jeremiah Jackson, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction</i>	Ossabaw
	K12 Cyber Ninjas: Creating your District's First Digital Responders in an Age of Cyber Threats <i>David Mendez, Education Service Center Region 10</i>	Sapelo
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	They Don't Know What They Don't Know! <i>Michelle Krieger, Lake Shore Central School District</i>	Madison
12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch & Closing Remarks	How It Gets Better <i>Doug Levin, K12 Security Information eXchange (K12 SIX)</i>	Foyer/Madison

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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 8:30 – 9:45 am — Keynote

Working with Federal Partners to Reduce K-12 Cybersecurity Risk

Alaina Clark, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
Michael Klein, U.S. Department of Education
Doug Levin, K12 Security Information eXchange (K12 SIX)

Moderated by K12 SIX Director, Doug Levin, this general session will feature senior leadership at the federal agencies responsible for helping to defend the U.S. K-12 sector from emerging cybersecurity threats, such as ransomware and student data breaches: the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the U.S. Department of Education (ED). In this wide-ranging dialogue, we'll explore: recent trends in the K-12 cyber incident landscape, significant developments over the last year, what we can expect to see in terms of federal support (programs, resources, guidance, etc.), and what audience members can do to better defend their school communities and help advance work of the sector as a whole.

Location: **Madison**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 10:00 – 10:45 am — Concurrent Sessions

State Cyber Funding and Leadership Success Strategies

Sue Ellen Gilliland, Alabama State Department of Education
Susan Poling, Alabama Leaders in Educational Technology (ALET)

Is your state providing earmarked funding for K-12 cybersecurity? Did your state take a one-size-fits-all approach to funding IT? In Alabama, our K-12 technology director association has succeeded in getting KnowBe4 licenses for all school systems, plus \$68,000 per system to spend on cybersecurity in line with their greatest needs. In addition, we got our State Department of Education to issue three cybersecurity requirements for all systems: required monthly phishing tests, required incident response plans, and required multi-factor authentication for all privileged accounts. Three years in and we are ready to share our approach, success, and pain points.

Location: **Ossabaw**

Introducing the Global Education Security Standard

Neal Richardson, Hillsboro-Deering School District
Steve Smith, Access 4 Learning Community (A4L)

In recent months and years a great deal of attention and resources have, appropriately so, been applied towards addressing cybersecurity concerns at education institutions. This work is to be applauded. The attention on schools and districts though, has left a void in the obligations of EdTech providers to adhere to security benchmarks. The lack of coherence in this space has led to confusion over expectations, randomness in frameworks applied and the overall inability to, or difficulty in, holding the EdTech marketplace accountable to security obligations. The Global Education Security Standard (GESS), a project that synthesizes security and privacy requirements from across the USA, Europe, New Zealand and Australia to develop a set of relevant controls, which draw on existing international standards, to produce a set of controls which can be used by the education sector to drive adoption and compliance across the thousands of applications used across schools globally. Participants will be introduced to the publicly available Global Education Security Standard Portal and how this framework can be applied today.

Location: **Sapelo**

What Do You Mean We Can't Process Payroll? Tabletop Exercises for Superintendents and Executive Leadership

Rachel Wenten-Chaney, High Desert Education Service District

In this session, attendees will leave with a set of executive tabletop exercises that focus on educational and operational continuity during an incident. The exercises focus on scenarios like payroll, building safety, communications, and more. We created the tabletop exercises for the districts in our region to (1) highlight the role of the superintendent and district leadership in making school open/close decisions, and (2) promote problem-solving as an executive team on required processes that may not be accessible during a worst-case scenario, e.g. payroll.

Location: **Madison**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 11:15 – 12:00 pm — Concurrent Sessions

Meeting the K-12 Cybersecurity Challenge with Firewall-As-A-Service

Joe Cosmano, iboss
Richard Quinones, iboss

School district applications, data, and services have mostly moved from the school datacenter to the cloud, making them easily accessible by attackers. Students and staff now more than ever are working from anywhere. This means perimeter-based security measures, such as legacy on-prem firewall appliances - including NGFWs - are fast becoming obsolete and incapable of protecting students, district employees, and applications. Today, school districts are instead adopting a single global cloud firewall with a unified Zero Trust (ZT) application-aware security policy, allowing districts to better scale security. With iboss ZT FireWall-as-a-Service (FWaaS), you can reduce operating costs by eliminating the need to install and maintain hardware firewalls, especially considering the iboss ZT FWaaS solution is E-Rate eligible at 85% discount. School districts can now avail themselves of an enterprise solution supporting the most highly regulated industries, including, banking, retail, healthcare, and government, all while taking advantage of advanced features not available in NextGen firewalls.

Location: **Ossabaw**

Leveraging AI for Security in Education

Corey Lee, Microsoft

K-12 school systems are facing an uphill battle in maintaining safe and operational IT environments with increasing demands on lean security teams. Evolving cyber-threats and ransomware attacks have led to significant financial losses and sensitive data exposure, disproportionately affecting schools. Cybercriminals often exploit school vulnerabilities using stealthy techniques that are difficult to detect and correlate with limited staff. Legacy security tools and siloed solutions may exacerbate problems, resulting in limited visibility and delayed response times. However, there is hope in this new era of AI, where data insights and machine learning are helping school systems detect threats quickly and respond effectively. The best defense still requires human wisdom and experience, and this conference session will equip you with the necessary skills to protect your school's IT infrastructure and ensure a safe and secure learning environment for students and staff alike in the Age of AI.

Location: **Sapelo**

Perspectives from the Frontlines

Dr. Tim Tillman, Chesterfield County Public Schools
Michael Webb, Identity Automation

A review of the types of threats and adversaries K-12 districts are facing. In this breakout session, we discuss emerging and persistent threats as well as defense. We will review in-depth strategies and best practices that can be used to mitigate risk and minimize impact.

Location: **Madison**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 12:00 – 1:15 pm — Lunch Keynote

Securing Artificial Intelligence — Are You Ready?

Helen Patton, Cisco Systems, Inc

Artificial Intelligence is here, and we are all working out how to implement it. For IT and Security teams, AI brings some interesting new challenges. In this session we will cover the current thinking around using AI in K-12, and where to expect AI to show up for security practitioners. We'll talk about how to prepare your schools to embrace AI, and how to integrate AI into your security program.

Location: **Madison**



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 1:30 – 3:00 pm — Concurrent Session Workshops

Protect Your School Community with the K12 SIX Essential Cybersecurity Protections

Doug Levin, K12 Security Information eXchange (K12 SIX)
April Mardock, Seattle Public Schools

Developed by K-12 IT practitioners, for K-12 IT practitioners—and aligned to cybersecurity risk management best practices—the K12 SIX Essential Cybersecurity Protections series establishes baseline cybersecurity standards for U.S. school districts and provides guidance and tools to support their implementation. While there is no shortage of general cybersecurity guidance available from government and private organizations, K-12 education leaders face unique context and constraints when implementing cybersecurity defenses in a school setting. During this session, participants will be introduced to the K12 SIX Essentials series of products, take a private self-assessment, and learn how to take the next steps in protecting your school community.

Location: **Ossabaw**

K-12 Toolkit for Cyber Incident Response

Krissy Cross, Arkansas Department of Information Systems
Alan Floyd, North Arkansas Education Service Cooperative
Ray Girdler, Arkansas Department of Information Systems
Evan Patrick, Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative

Presenters will share their experiences in responding to and recovering from cyber events based on their experience with launching the Arkansas K-12 Cyber Incident Response Team. The team will share a list of tools, provide a brief overview of each tool, and provide context in how to use these tools in sequence. Tools included in this discussion are Autopsy, Timeline Explorer, Kape, and FTX Imager.

Location: **Sapelo**

Black Hat Academy

Mike Tasse, Privacy Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

Have you ever wondered how hackers do what they do? Ever wanted to hack a school? Well grab your hoodie and hot pockets and join us for a hands-on workshop where YOU get to be the bad guy! In this session, we'll give you access to a virtual lab set up to simulate a school district, complete with the software and hardware commonly employed by real schools. Created in the style of a "Capture the Flag" contest, you can go at it alone, or team up with other attendees to hack and exploit these systems to gain control of the simulated "school" and steal sensitive simulated "student records" for bragging rights and all the lolz. The first step to defeating a hacker is to think like one, so take the red pill and join us as we hack a school!

Location: **Madison**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 3:30 – 4:15 pm — Concurrent Sessions

StateRAMP: Protecting Students' Data in the Cloud

Leah McGrath, StateRAMP
Chance Grubb, StateRAMP

StateRAMP is a non-profit organization focused on improving cybersecurity and reducing supply chain risk in state and local government—including by offering no-cost benefits to K-12 organizations. By streamlining the procurement process, enhancing security, reducing risk, and increasing trust, StateRAMP can help K-12 organizations to better protect their students' data and other critical assets.

Location: **Ossabaw**

You Need Friends In Your Cyber Fight: Building Security Programs Using a Regional Cohort Model

Jason Borglum, South Central Service Cooperative

Cybersecurity threats are ever-evolving, necessitating collaborative and adaptive approaches to safeguard district data and resources effectively. This presentation explores how one Educational Service Agency, the South Central Service Cooperative, uses a regional cohort model to focus on collaborative work, sharing knowledge and expertise, and a culture of continuous improvement to develop and implement robust cybersecurity programs in its region. By collaborating with others in a regional cohort, districts can learn from each other's experiences and leverage regional resources to build district-level program support and governance structures such as procedures and guidelines and build an organizational cybersecurity culture. Leveraging regional resources, the cohort model can ease the burden on districts by lessening the reliance on individuals or small teams to manage firewalls, DDOS mitigation efforts, risk assessments, security awareness training, vulnerability, and third-party risk management, and improving business continuity and incident response capabilities. This presentation is ideal for cybersecurity professionals, IT leaders, and district leaders seeking innovative approaches to fortify their digital defenses collaboratively. By the end of this session, attendees will gain a comprehensive understanding of how the cohort model can be used to build resilient cybersecurity programs that foster resilience, agility, and collective strength in the face of evolving cyber threats.

Location: **Sapelo**

CISA Cyber Mission and Resource Briefing

Stanton Gatewood, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

This session will provide a brief overview of CISA's federally funded cybersecurity resources designed to assist stakeholders—including K-12 organizations—with understanding and managing cybersecurity risk.

Location: **Madison**

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 | 8:30 – 9:45 am — Keynote

Shifting Left: How to Scale Cybersecurity to Our Schools

Lauren Zabierek, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

We cannot expect school districts, whose primary objective is to ensure the learning and safety of schoolchildren, to bear the cybersecurity burden alone. How, then, do we scale cybersecurity to thousands of districts? In this speech, Lauren will discuss CISA's Secure by Design initiative and how schools can demand more from their education technology vendors.

Location: **Madison**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 | 10:00 – 10:45 am — Concurrent Sessions

North Carolina PSU Third Party Vendor Data Integration

Jeremiah Jackson, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Protecting the privacy and security of our student data is a challenging, yet critical task. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) and Public-School Units (PSUs) are required, under Article 29 of NC General Statute 115C, to protect student data. In North Carolina, vendors are required to go through an evaluation process before receiving student personal data. We created a standardized process for PSUs to follow to help them evaluate vendor cyber readiness. Learn how to implement a similar process for your education institution, and the lessons learned as we implemented this process across the state.

Location: **Ossabaw**

K12 Cyber Ninjas: Creating your District's First Digital Responders in an Age of Cyber Threats

David Mendez, Education Service Center Region 10

In the ever-evolving landscape of technology, K12 schools find themselves at a digital crossroads. With classrooms more interconnected than ever, the potential for cyber threats looms large. To address these concerns, we propose the inclusion of district personnel as an early warning system and an extended part of a technology team. This team, dubbed the "K12 Cyber Ninjas," will consist of tech ed experts, district personnel, and other stakeholders who can help with awareness and addressing security concerns.

Location: **Sapelo**

Cybersecurity Evolution: Nurturing Today's Robust Practices from the Seeds of the Past

Neal Richardson, Hillsboro-Deering School District

The seeds of today's robust cybersecurity practices were sown in the fertile ground of past vulnerabilities. In the early days of the internet and digital technology, the world was a wild and largely uncharted frontier. With the internet's advent and the digital realm's growth, vulnerabilities became apparent as opportunistic hackers exploited weaknesses in the emerging digital infrastructure. These early challenges forced cybersecurity professionals and experts to take notice and adapt. They embarked on a journey to understand the nature of these vulnerabilities and to develop strategies and tools to protect against them. Antivirus software, firewalls, and encryption methods emerged as the first line of defense. As cyber threats grew in complexity, so did the defensive measures. Today, cybersecurity has grown into a multi-faceted field, with experts honing their skills and organizations investing in state-of-the-art technologies. The lessons from the past remind us that cybersecurity is not a static endeavor but a dynamic and ever-changing landscape. It is a testament to human ingenuity and the ability to learn from past mistakes, cultivating a more secure digital environment for the present and the future.

Location: **Madison**

Crafting Resilience: Building an Effective Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan

*Deven Allen, Hannah Brown, Sean Kite-Powell and Noah Leon
CyberArch/University of Georgia*

In a time when school systems, local governments, and hospitals have become primary targets for ransomware attacks, the role of cybersecurity clinics has emerged. These cybersecurity clinics, similar to the University of Georgia CyberArch Clinic, offer hands-on training for a new generation of cyber defenders and acts as a critical resource for local organizations to mitigate risks and vulnerabilities. The University of Georgia's CyberArch program stands at the forefront of this endeavor by collaborating with school systems and other partner organizations throughout the state of Georgia. This presentation aims to offer a unique perspective, encompassing the experiences of a group of interns from the University of Georgia who have collaborated with numerous partner organizations to improve their cybersecurity posture. By sharing their insights and knowledge, the presentation will explain critical components that should be included in an effective incident response plan. The CyberArch Program aims to enable local organizations to navigate the ever-evolving world of cybersecurity with greater confidence and resilience.

Location: **Ossabaw**

Strengthening K-12 District Security: A Comprehensive Approach

*Bruce Baker, West Irondequoit Central School District
Casey Wagner, West Irondequoit Central School District*

During our session, we will provide a comprehensive overview of the strategic initiatives taken by our district to fortify its security posture. This session is designed to offer valuable insights into the multifaceted approach we've employed to safeguard our educational institution's digital landscape. Our journey begins with the critical step of enlisting support from the executive cabinet. We will discuss how we garnered support for policy changes and secured the necessary financial backing to implement these vital security measures. Furthermore, we will delve into the realm of cybersecurity. Specifically, we will explain how we conducted a NIST CSF assessment, aligning it with CISAs CPGs to ensure that our security framework adheres to recognized standards. Additionally, we will shed light on the formation of a dedicated data governance team and how it has contributed to data security and privacy compliance. We will also discuss our hands-on experience in executing an Incident Response Plan (IRP), ensuring we are prepared to face any unforeseen security threats. Moreover, our partnership with a leading cybersecurity company, which operates as our 24-hour Security Operations Center (SOC), will be explored, emphasizing its role in enhancing our overall security posture. Lastly, we will touch upon the critical aspect of NY Ed Law 2D governance, demonstrating our commitment to compliance and protecting student data and privacy throughout these initiatives. By attending this session, you will gain valuable insights into a holistic approach to K-12 district security, helping you secure your own educational institution's digital assets effectively.

Location: **Sapelo**

They Don't Know What They Don't Know!

Michelle Krieger, Lake Shore Central School District

Do your school administrators, faculty, and staff recognize a cyber incident when they see it? Chances are the answer is "NO!" But it's not necessarily their fault! Is the training in your district ongoing, consistent, differentiated and impactful? As a Data Protection Officer in a school district, training ALL colleagues on incident awareness, your district response protocol, and basic cyber security "best practices" is crucial in developing a secure educational agency. Your district's cyber security is only as strong as its weakest link! In this session, come here about real incident scenarios, how they could have been avoided with the proper training, and what lessons were learned that could benefit you.

Location: **Madison**

How It Gets Better

Doug Levin, K12 Security Information eXchange (K12 SIX)

In the closing session for this year's conference, K12 SIX Director Doug Levin will review the major themes of the conference, lay out an agenda for improving cybersecurity defenses in the K-12 sector, and offer practical ideas for participants to take home and implement in their schools – including those resources offered by the K12 Security Information eXchange (K12 SIX). Thanks for spending part of your Valentine's Day with us!

Location: **Grand Ballroom ABC**

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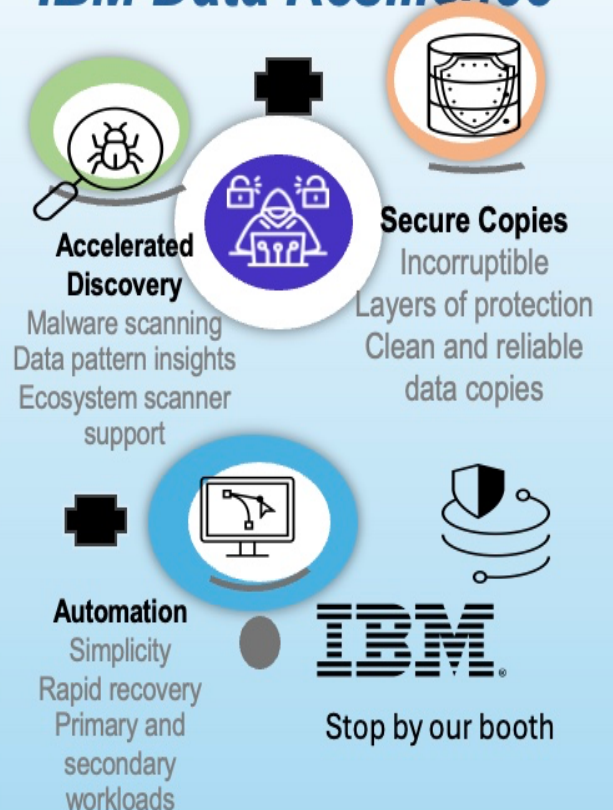
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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

A



Deven Allen — Intern, CyberArch/University of Georgia

Session: Crafting Resilience: Building an Effective Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan

Deven Allen is a team leader of the University of Georgia's CyberArch program. He is from Buford, GA and resides in Athens, GA where he is pursuing his Bachelor's in Computer Science and Master's in Cybersecurity and Privacy. Deven has always been driven by the impact that technology has had on young adults and the generations of his time. This drive has led Deven to pursue a career in cybersecurity to help the world in understanding what it means to be cyber aware and protected. Through the CyberArch program, Deven has helped to develop an in depth process for working with partner organizations that has been shaped and fine tuned through many semesters of hard work and dedication.

B



Bruce Baker — Network Administrator, West Irondequoit Central School District

Session: Strengthening K-12 District Security: A Comprehensive Approach

With an impressive 26-year tenure as a Network Administrator, Bruce Baker has been the driving force behind building and modernizing the entire infrastructure to meet the ever-evolving demands of the digital age while ensuring top-notch security. He is a seasoned professional who has left an indelible mark in the industry. Bruce began his career working for private companies, where he honed his skills in network building and contracting across the United States. Throughout his journey, Bruce has consistently demonstrated a commitment to innovation and excellence in the field of network administration, making him an invaluable asset to any organization.



Jason Borglum — Director of Technical and Information Services, South Central Service Cooperative

Session: You Need Friends In Your Cyber Fight: Building Security Programs Using a Regional Cohort Model

Jason Borglum is an educator and technologist living and working in south-central Minnesota. His focus areas are cybersecurity, student data privacy, and education policy. Presently serving as the Director of Technical and Information Services for an educational service agency, Jason supports over 35 public school districts in navigating the complex challenges at the intersection of education, technology, and student data privacy. With a diverse background, including roles as a teacher, instructional coach/mentor, District Director of Technology, Information Security Officer, and Director of a K12 Telecommunications Consortium, he has garnered valuable insights into the impacts of technology use in education. His advocacy for safeguarding student data and implementing cybersecurity practices in K12 public schools guides his present practice. He holds a Master's Degree in Cybersecurity and a Bachelor of Science in Business Education. As a lifelong learner, he continues pursuing various professional cybersecurity certifications.



Hannah Brown — Intern, CyberArch/University of Georgia

Session: Crafting Resilience: Building an Effective Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan

Hannah Brown is a senior at the University of Georgia studying Management Information Systems with an emphasis in Information Security. She also serves as an intern through the University of Georgia's CyberArch Program, a cyber clinic focused on improving cybersecurity for school systems, local governments, hospitals, nonprofits and small businesses. Through CyberArch, she has served as a team leader, conducting Cybersecurity Risk Review assessments and developing recommendations to improve cybersecurity posture for community organizations. She also has developed a webinar series for Georgia county governments on cybersecurity issues based on the NIST framework, as well as a weekly speaker series for CyberArch interns to provide them with additional insight from professionals working in the field.

C



Alaina Clark — Assistant Director, Stakeholder Engagement, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

Tuesday Keynote: Working with Federal Partners to Reduce K-12 Cybersecurity Risk

Alaina Clark is the Assistant Director for Stakeholder Engagement at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). Working collaboratively across CISA, she oversees the agency's national and international partnerships and stakeholder outreach programs while directing efforts for shared engagement information and coordination that supports CISA's unified mission delivery. Leveraging the agency's convening authorities, Ms. Clark facilitates the CISA Director's national coordinator role by overseeing multiple sector and cross-sector functions, including that of Sector Risk Management Agency for eight of the nation's 16 critical infrastructure. Ms. Clark also oversees multiple partnership and advisory councils, including those that advise the Director and the President. These mechanisms for public-private partnership ensure that CISA directly engages subject matter experts to collaboratively identify then address high priority issues, often resulting in new products and services that help critical infrastructure stakeholders increase their security and resilience. Prior to her work with CISA, Ms. Clark served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), where she directed the operations of IGA's state, local and Tribal teams. Ms. Clark holds a bachelor's degree in international studies from Dickinson College and a master's degree in government with a concentration in homeland security from Johns Hopkins University.



Joe Cosmano — Senior Vice President, Sales & Services, Americas, iboss

Session: Meeting the K-12 Cybersecurity Challenge with Firewall-As-A-Service

Joe Cosmano leads sales for the Americas region at iboss. Alongside his team, he leverages 20+ years of technical expertise to help iboss customers adopt zero trust architecture to reduce risk of breaches and data loss, achieve regulatory compliance, and improve user experience. Since 2012, Joe has served in various technical and sales roles at iboss. He holds a BS in Information Systems Technology from UCF and an MS in InfoSec from the University of Denver. In his spare time, Joe enjoys working with his German Shepherd, Buzz, an AKC certified therapy dog.



Krissy Cross — Manager, APSCN LAN Support Team, Arkansas Department of Information Systems

Session: K-12 Toolkit for Cyber Incident Response

Krissy Cross manages a team of techs that provide K12 tech support across the state of Arkansas through our Arkansas Division of Information Systems and serves as the Arkansas K12 CIRT Incident Commander. Krissy has over 20+ years of experience as K12 tech coordinator and as a leader in state government. Krissy also serves as the state's primary point of contact for K12 SIX.

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Alan Floyd — Technology Coordinator, North Arkansas Education Service Cooperative

Session: K-12 Toolkit for Cyber Incident Response

Alan Floyd serves as the Associate Director of Arkansas's K12 CIRT and the Northcentral Arkansas Education Service Cooperative Technology Coordinator. Before coming to the regional coop, Alan established his reputation as an outstanding technology director across multiple districts.

G



Stanton Gatewood — Cyber Security Coordinator - Region IV (Georgia), Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

Session: CISA Cyber Mission and Resource Briefing

Stanton Gatewood is the US DHS/CISA -R4 Cyber Security Coordinator for the State of Georgia. Gatewood is the former Chief Information Security Officer for the State of Georgia, Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the University of Georgia. He has more than 35 years of experience in cyber security program management and strategic planning, executive leadership, including the U.S. military, state and federal governments, higher education, and several top 10 global corporations. Gatewood has also served as the Vice President for Information Technology and the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for Albany State University. Stanton has built 2 centers of excellence, (1) cryptography and (2) awareness & training. He is a recent nominee to the National Cyber Security Hall of Fame.



Sue Ellen Gilliland — Educational Technology Coordinator, Alabama State Department of Education

Session: State Cyber Funding and Leadership Success Strategies

Sue Ellen Gilliland is a dedicated professional beginning her 27th year in the field of education. As the Coordinator of Educational Technology for the Alabama State Department of Education, she plays a crucial role in shaping and supporting the advancement of educational programs throughout the state. Recognizing the critical importance of safeguarding educational institutions against cyber threats, the Alabama State Department's team, which includes Sue Ellen as a thought partner and technology leader, has worked to incorporate cybersecurity practices within the state's educational technology framework.



Ray Girdler — IT Security Specialist , Arkansas Department of Information Systems

Session: K-12 Toolkit for Cyber Incident Response

Ray Girdler current serves as IT Security Specialist with the Arkansas Department of Information Services. He previously served as the Director of Data Use & Privacy for the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). Over the years, he has served in multiple roles at the school and district levels. At ADE, Mr. Girdler's team provides direct support for K-12 schools and districts in utilizing data, maintaining data privacy & security, and other technology initiatives



Chance Grubb — Government Engagement Director, StateRAMP

Session: StateRAMP: Protecting Students' Data in the Cloud

Chance Grubb possesses over 17 years of state government experience in procurement, information technology and cybersecurity. During his time at the State of Oklahoma, he oversaw several statewide programs that included establishing a third-party risk management program, increasing public and private cyber collaboration across Oklahoma and coordinating daily activities for the state's cyber unit.



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Jeremiah Jackson — CISO, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Session: North Carolina PSU Third Party Vendor Data Integration

Jeremiah Jackson is the Chief Information Security Officer for NC Department of Public Instruction. He has 25 years of experience in education technology with strong expertise in technology management, IT security, and network engineering. He is passionate about providing a secure and robust enterprise network that mitigates risk, supports learning, and provides security and privacy of the data that is entrusted to NC DPI by the citizens of NC. Jeremiah holds a Certified Education Technology Leader (CETL) certification from COSN, and a Certified Educational Chief Technology Officer (CECTO) from UNC School of Government. In addition, he sits on the following committees: MCNC Advisory Council, NC K12 Cyber Security Advisory Council, NCDPI CIO Steering Committee, Jackson County Broadband Committee, Southwestern Community College IT Advisory Committee, and is a past president of the North Carolina Educational Technicians.

K



Sean Kite-Powell — Intern, CyberArch/University of Georgia

Session: Crafting Resilience: Building an Effective Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan

Sean Kite-Powell is a senior at the University of Georgia studying management information systems and finance with an area of emphasis in information security. He is from Smyrna, GA and currently resides in Athens Georgia, where along with his studies, he serves as an secondary project leader and team member for University of Georgia's CyberArch program. Through this program, he has helped to conduct cybersecurity risk assessments and develop recommendations to improve cybersecurity posture for community organizations, as well as perform research about cybersecurity topics. Sean has been driven by the impact that technology and cybersecurity can have on organizations and the world as a whole, and this drive has led to Sean pursuing a career in cybersecurity to help make the world more cyber secure.



Michael Klein — Senior Advisor for Cybersecurity, U.S. Department of Education

Tuesday Keynote: Working with Federal Partners to Reduce K-12 Cybersecurity Risk

Michael Klein is Senior Advisor for Cybersecurity in the Office of the Deputy Secretary at the U.S. Department of Education (ED). He comes to the role with over 15 years of experience in K-12 education as a teacher, coach, consultant, and district leader. As a fellow in ED's Office of Educational Technology, Michael organized the Back to School Safely K-12 Cybersecurity Summit at the White House with First Lady Dr. Jill Biden, ED Secretary Cardona, DHS Secretary Mayorkas, CISA Director Easterly, FBI Deputy Director Abbate, ED Deputy Secretary Marten and 200 education and cybersecurity leaders from across the country and published several guidance documents to support district and state technology leaders. As a school district IT Director during the COVID-19 pandemic, Michael led a team supporting 2500 students and 550 staff as they navigated in-person, hybrid, and remote learning safely and securely. Previously, Michael led coaching for a team of educational consultants, taught elementary school in Brooklyn and Harlem, and served as a founding teacher at a High Tech High school just south of San Diego.



Michelle Krieger — Data Protection Officer , Lake Shore Central School District

Session: They Don't Know What They Don't Know!

Michelle Krieger, Data Protection Officer for Lake Shore Central School District, has been an educator for over 22 years, with previous experience as a Special Educator, Technology Integration Specialist, and Technology Coordinator. Michelle has been a presenter at various New York State conferences including the RICON Data Privacy and Security Statewide Conference in Albany, the New York State School Board Association Conference in New York City, and the New York State Association for Computers and Technologies in Education Conference, in Rochester. Michelle is from East Aurora, New York (just outside of Buffalo) and is a graduate of Buffalo State University.

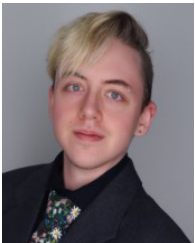
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Corey Lee — US Education, Security CTO , Microsoft

Session: Leveraging AI for Security in Education

Corey Lee is the Security CTO for US Education at Microsoft. He is an active Security Practitioner focused on secure innovation in Higher Education. Corey has been responsible for driving Ransomware Rapid Response, Zero Trust Architecture, Multi-Lateral Federation Reference Architectures, and Secure AI adoption across Higher Education. His passion for helping Higher Education institutions of all sizes has led to digital and security transformation across the industry. Corey aims to accelerate the mainstream adoption of Secure AI solutions that streamline secure research, improve patient care, and enhance cybersecurity resilience. In his spare time, Corey enjoys sharing security best practices and facilitating hands-on immersive training exercises for early in career professionals to address the cybersecurity skills shortage. Corey has been featured in the Chronicle for Higher Education, Educause, and EDscoop.



Noah Leon — Intern, CyberArch/University of Georgia

Session: Crafting Resilience: Building an Effective Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan

Noah Leon is a student pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems at University of Georgia, and he is an intern within UGA's CyberArch program. Noah is from Townsend, GA, near the coast of the state, and he currently resides in Winterville, GA. He is passionate about systems, technological development, and accessibility. He believes one of the most important facets of technology is security, especially within the context of educational institutions where the future of our digital world is being shaped.



Doug Levin — Director, K12 Security Information eXchange (K12 SIX)

*Sessions: Working with Federal Partners to Reduce K-12 Cybersecurity Risk
Protect Your School Community with the K12 SIX Essential Cybersecurity Protections
How It Gets Better*

Doug Levin is co-founder and national director of the K12 Security Information eXchange (K12 SIX), a national non-profit dedicated solely to helping schools protect themselves from emerging cybersecurity threats. He also is the creator of the K-12 Cyber Incident Map, the most comprehensive database of publicly-disclosed cybersecurity incidents in K-12 education, which serves as the foundation for the 'State of K-12 Cybersecurity Year in Review' annual report series. By appointment of Director Jen Easterly, he serves on the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Cybersecurity Advisory Board. Mr. Levin has been engaged in education and technology policy issues for over three decades – in a variety of roles. From 2009-15, he served as executive director of the State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA). Previously, Mr. Levin held positions with the American Institutes for Research, the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, and the National Association of State Boards of Education.

M



April Mardock — CISO, Seattle Public Schools

Session: Protect Your School Community with the K12 SIX Essential Cybersecurity Protections

April Mardock has supported cybersecurity and InfoTech in 132 different companies. She is well versed in complex, multi-layered environments, and is currently the CISO for more than 60,000 users at a large public school district. She holds a masters in IT and a CISSP security certification, as well as several other industry specific certs. April's current responsibilities include infosec policy management, disaster recovery and business continuity consulting, incident response, vulnerability management, email spam and web filtering, and on-site network forensics.



Leah McGrath — Executive Director, StateRAMP

Session: StateRAMP: Protecting Students' Data in the Cloud

Serving as the Executive Director, Leah McGrath has been involved with StateRAMP since its formation. In 2020, she spent countless hours working alongside Steering Committee members to develop StateRAMP's governance and policy framework. Prior to her work with StateRAMP, McGrath held leadership positions in both the public and private sector, including serving as the first deputy mayor of the City of Fishers, Indiana. During her tenure, Fishers transformed from a town into a smart, vibrant, entrepreneurial city and was named the #1 Best Place to Live in America in 2017 by Money magazine. As deputy mayor, she helped lead modernization efforts and spearheaded city-wide efforts to develop the city's first long-range, comprehensive plan. McGrath's 20-year career has been focused on working to improve government outcomes at the state and local level, helping shepherd government into the digital age securely and effectively for the citizens it serves.



David Mendez — Information Security Manager, Education Service Center Region 10

Session: K12 Cyber Ninjas: Creating your District's First Digital Responders in an Age of Cyber Threats

David Mendez is an Information Security Manager at Region 10 ESC in Dallas, Texas, with 30 years of overall professional experience. He has skills in Cybersecurity, Project Management, Information Technology, and Infrastructure. David holds a Master's degree in Theological Studies from The University of Dallas and a Cross Cultural Communications degree from Southwestern Assemblies of God University. He is certified as a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP). David has experience working in various roles, including Information Security Manager, Technical Project Manager at Region 10 ESC, Director of Technology and Director of Information Management at Life Schools. He has also worked as the Director of Membership and Business Development at The Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and a Middle School Safety Coordinator at Houston Independent School District.

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Evan Patrick — Technology Coordinator, Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative

Session: K-12 Toolkit for Cyber Incident Response

Evan Patrick serves as the Director of Arkansas' K12 CIRT and the Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative Technology Coordinator. Over the years, Evan has provided state leadership in instructional technology and cybersecurity.



Helen Patton — Cybersecurity Executive Strategic Advisor, Cisco Systems, Inc

Session: Securing Artificial Intelligence — Are You Ready?

Helen Patton is a strategic cybersecurity advisor at Cisco. Previously she served as a CISO for the Cisco Security Business Group, and an Advisory CISO, providing strategic insights to the security community. She was the CISO at The Ohio State University and spent ten years in risk and resiliency at JPMorganChase. Helen actively encourages cybersecurity collaboration across and within industries, to enable better information security and privacy practices. She believes in improving diversity and inclusion in the cyber workforce, and mentors people interested in pursuing careers in security, privacy and risk management. Helen has a Master's degree in Public Policy. She serves on various cybersecurity advisory boards, and is faculty for the Educause Leadership Institute, a committee member for the Cybersecurity Canon, and a cyber risk instructor at the Ohio State University. She is a blogger and the author of "Navigating the Cybersecurity Career Path."



Susan Poling — Executive Director, Alabama Leaders in Educational Technology (ALET)

Session: State Cyber Funding and Leadership Success Strategies

Susan Poling is in her sixth year as Executive Director of Alabama Leaders in Educational Technology. Before that, she served as a school system technology coordinator for 27 years and has a background in network engineering. In 2014, Susan successfully lobbied for funding for Wi-Fi in every Alabama classroom. The \$50M bill passed in 2016, after which she assisted the Alabama State Department of Education in managing the rollout of the funds. In 2020, she served as chairperson of a K12 Cybersecurity Task Force, which also resulted in direct funding to school systems and a role in managing and supporting this ongoing funding initiative.

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Richard Quinones — Senior Vice President, Public Education, State and Local Government, iboss

Session: Meeting the K-12 Cybersecurity Challenge with Firewall-As-A-Service

Richard Quinones, a former K-12 CIO, has spent over 20 years taking on important IT leadership roles at the county, state, and national levels. His experience includes being appointed Los Angeles County's first chief education technology officer, where he led the delivery of IT services across 80 school districts and five community colleges, serving over 1.7 million students. Richard currently serves as the Senior Vice President of Public Education, State and Local Government at iboss.

R



Neal Richardson — Director of Technology/CISO, Hillsboro-Deering School District

*Sessions: Introducing the Global Education Security Standard
Cybersecurity Evolution: Nurturing Today's Robust Practices from the Seeds of the Past*

Neal Richardson, a seasoned IT professional with over two decades of experience across diverse industries, is the Director of Technology and Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for the Hillsboro-Deering School District in New Hampshire. Neal is a prominent figure in cybersecurity and student data privacy, actively contributing to educational institutions in the region. Over the past decade, Neal has been dedicated to educating and guiding school districts in addressing critical cybersecurity and student privacy concerns. His commitment to excellence in cybersecurity and education earned him the prestigious 2019 SANS Difference Maker Award for successfully implementing IG1 of the CIS 20 Critical Controls. Neal frequently shares his knowledge and insights in speaking engagements and webinars on K-12 cybersecurity issues, making him a valuable resource for his peers and colleagues. Neal holds the following Cybersecurity certifications: CISSP, CISM, CDPSE, GSEC, GCIA, GCIH, GMOB, and GCCC.

S



Steve Smith — Executive Director, Access 4 Learning Community (A4L)

Session: Introducing the Global Education Security Standard

Steve Smith, recently appointed Executive Director, of Access 4 Learning, brings to the position twenty seven + years of CIO/CTO experience in rural and urban, large and small, school districts in New England, including 17 years as CIO of Cambridge Public Schools. In his work, he has spent a great deal of time navigating student privacy issues. He has represented both Maine and currently Massachusetts on the National Forum on Education Statistics and has contributed to the Forum's Education Data Privacy, Civil Rights Data Reporting, Longitudinal Data Systems, SCED Working Group, Virtual Education, Facilities Data Management, Technology Suite, Crisis Data Management, Cyber Security, Metadata and Digital Equity working groups. In addition, Mr Smith is the Founder of the Student Data Privacy Consortium.

T



Mike Tassey — Data Security Advisor, PTAC, Privacy Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

Session: Black Hat Academy

Mike Tassey currently serves as the Data Security Advisor for the Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) at the US Department of Education. With decades of information security experience as a hacker and security expert, he helps education institutions at all levels develop strong, compliant information security programs and manage risk to education data. Before joining PTAC, Mike served in various senior technical positions within the military and intelligence communities, and as a security consultant for the critical infrastructure industry and global financial exchanges.



Dr. Tim Tillman — Chief Technology Officer, Chesterfield County Public Schools

Session: Perspectives from the Frontlines

Dr. Tim Tillman is the Chief Technology Officer and CISO for Chesterfield County Public Schools in central Virginia. The school district serves 65,000 students and 10,000 adult users spread out over 68 campuses. Dr. Tillman is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University with a Masters in Information Systems, Masters in Business Administration, and Doctorate of Education and has served public education for half of his 30 year career thus far. Starting as a malicious student hacker interested in Novell Netware in the 1990s, Dr. Tillman turned his love of technology into a whitehat and worst-case-scenario-planning career in K-12, hospital systems, and startups.

W



Casey Wagner — Director of Technology/Data Privacy Officer, West Irondequoit Central School District

Session: Strengthening K-12 District Security: A Comprehensive Approach

Casey Wagner boasts a rich professional journey, commencing as a high school history teacher and later advancing into a five-year stint as an innovative specialist. A two-year role at a Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) allowed her to support multiple districts with their tech needs. This was followed by a year-long tenure as a Data Privacy Officer and Director of IT, emphasizing her commitment to data protection and IT leadership. She is dedicated to reshaping education through innovation in the digital age.



Michael Webb — Chief Technology Officer, Identity Automation

Session: Perspectives from the Frontlines

As Chief Technology Officer at Identity Automation, Michael Webb leads Product Management and Software Development to deliver innovative Identity and Access Management solutions. Michael is a high-performance technology leader with more than 22 years of experience. He brings expertise in strategic planning, software development practices, distributed computing, SaaS, big data analytics, product & technology strategy, M&A strategy, and cybersecurity. Prior to Identity Automation, Michael worked at GSM, SmartVault Corporation, and Symantec Corporation. Michael holds a Computer Science degree from the University of North Texas.



Rachel Wente-Chaney — CIO, High Desert Education Service District

Session: What Do You Mean We Can't Process Payroll? Tabletop Exercises for Superintendents and Executive Leadership

Rachel Wente-Chaney is the Chief Information Officer for the High Desert Education Service District in Central Oregon. She supports a regional technology ecosystem that includes network services, information services, information security, and digital learning plus workspace modernization. Rachel and her team focus their work on improving the security, access, and mobility of technology resources. She holds a B.A. in History from Indiana University, an M.S. in Information Science from Syracuse University, and is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP).

Z



Lauren Zabierek — Senior Advisor, Cybersecurity Division, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

Session: Shifting Left: How to Scale Cybersecurity to Our Schools

Lauren Zabierek is a Senior Advisor in the Cybersecurity Division at CISA with over 20 years in national security. Previously, she served as the Executive Director of the Cyber Project at the Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center, where she ran a policy-relevant research program and managed students and nonresident fellows. She also served as the Acting Executive Director of the Belfer Center in her final semester there. She came to that role as a 2019 graduate of the Kenney School's midcareer MPA program. Prior to graduate school, she was an early member of the cybersecurity firm Recorded Future, having established and managed their public sector team. She also served as a civilian intelligence analyst at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency with multiple deployments to Afghanistan and served as a US Air Force intelligence officer at the beginning of her career. Lauren is also the co-founder of the online social media movement, #ShareTheMicInCyber. She is a mentor with Girl Security, a fellow at the National Security Institute at George Mason University, and a fellow at New America. She has appeared on television, radio, and several podcasts and panels.

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