

CYBER
SECURITY
OVERVIEW





Who is SET SEG?



Property/Casualty Pool

- 530+ members
- \$161 Million in net asset returns
- Provides: Property, Liability, Auto, School Violent Acts, Cyber protection



Worker's Compensation Fund

- 520+ members
- \$301 Million in contribution reductions
- \$550,000 in Safety
 Program returns



Employee Benefits

- Healthcare, Dental,
 Vision and Long Term Disability
- Consulting, compliance and administration services



SET SEG Foundation

- \$500,000 in student scholarships and Education Excellence grants
- Promotes opportunities in student leadership, skilled trades, and risk management studies



Governance & Service

The SET SEG programs are governed by over 35 superintendents representing districts of every size and type in every region across the state so that your voice and needs are represented at the table and decisions are made with your best interest.





Why Is This Topic Important?

5 Years Ago

Smaller, unsophisticated attacks against public entities

Today's Environment

- Push to remote learning exposed vulnerabilities
- Heavy reliance on virtual learning / remote work
- Attackers want Personally Identifiable Information (PII) of students
- Attackers want to disrupt governmental entities
- Limited budget with complex IT environment



Ramifications

What's Insured:

Cyber Forensics

Legal

Notification Costs (Call Center, Credit Monitoring, etc.)

Public Relations

Data Recovery

Ransom Payments

Resulting Lawsuits

What's Not Insured:

Downtime

Disruption

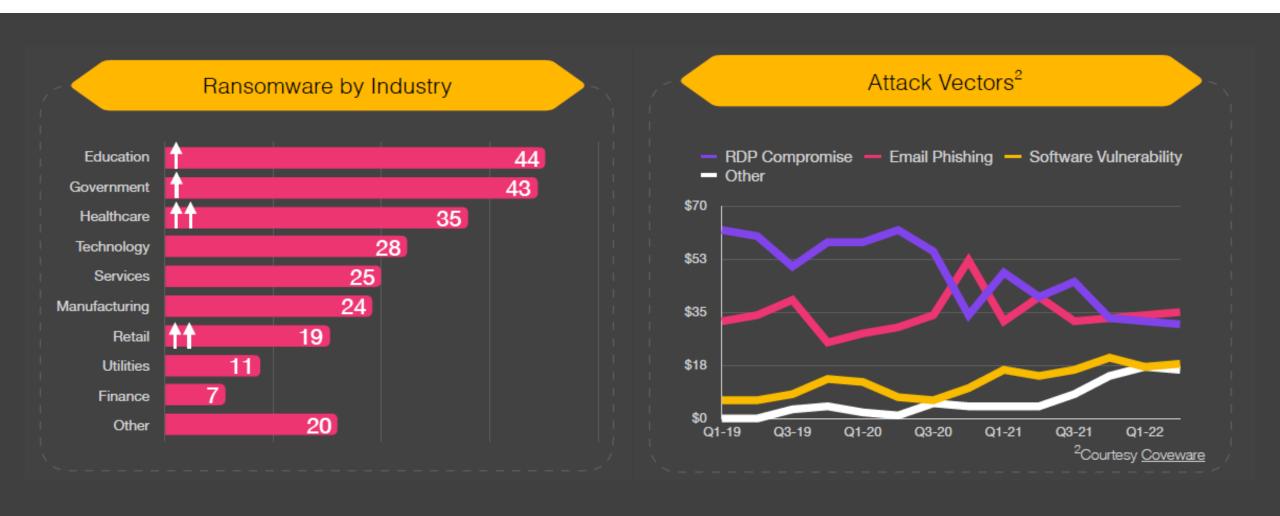
Community Relations

Staff Relations

Reputational Damage



September 2022 – Industry Stats







Case Study #1 | K-12 District – Enrollment 1,200+

Days to Report:

18 days

Attack Vector:

Employee, via remote connection, clicked on malicious link

<u>Issue:</u> District attempted to manage breach internally

Result: Threat actor hit district with a second attack, \$300,000 ransom demand

Reminders: Use VPN, use MFA, report claims immediately



Case Study #2 | K-12 District – Enrollment 5,000+

Days to Report:

30 days

Attack Vector:

Email (social engineering)

<u>Issue:</u> Threat actor pretended to be the superintendent

Result: Wire transferred \$154,000 and \$169,000 to fraudulent vendor

Reminders: Checks and balances



Case Study #3 | K-12 District – Enrollment 2,000+

Days to Report:

0 days

Attack Vector:

Email (ransomware attack)

<u>Issue:</u> District's 14 servers and 400 workstations were nonoperational. No offline backups to recover from.

<u>Result</u>: Negotiation with threat actor demanding \$196,000. District's deductible now \$250,000 until MFA and vulnerability scans are implemented.

Reminders: backup strategy, MFA, phishing training, and be aware of what data you are hosting.



Case Study #4 | K-12 District – Enrollment 10,000+

Days to

Report:

0 days

Attack Vector:

Threat actor monitoring RDP connection, deployed a malicious Microsoft Word/Excel document through email phishing resulting in ransomware

<u>Issue:</u> District's 80 servers were impacted. Backups were not infected.

<u>Result</u>: Did not pay ransom demand of \$640,000. Slow moving process to work through legal, forensics, notification logistics.

<u>Reminders:</u> backup strategy, phishing training, and be aware of any communication with the threat actor and what the local news reports.



Case Study #5 | ISD – Annual Revenue \$20M

Days to Report:

14 days

Attack Vector:

Email phishing to facilities employee, posing as charity

<u>Issue:</u> Employee entered credentials; hacker changed rules in inbox. Phishing emails then sent from that inbox to neighboring districts.

<u>Result</u>: No data exfiltrated, no data compromised. Time, energy, reputational damage, and approximately \$25,000 in insurance claims.

Reminders: Phishing training (all staff), protect systems with MFA for ALL staff.



Case Study #6 | K-12 District – Enrollment 5,000+

Days to Report:

0 days

Attack Vector:

Gained student credentials, accessed student server and with no segmentation of networks, jumped into administration account

Issue: Backups were encrypted

<u>Result</u>: School paid over \$500,00 ransom as this was a double-layer encryption. School now has \$250,000 deductible until MFA is implemented for ALL staff (at time only Administrators had MFA).

Reminders: Network segmentation, EDR for detection and response



Case Study #7 | K-12 District – Enrollment 3,000+

Days to Report:

0 days (December 26th)

Attack Vector:

Attacker gained access via RDP, installed ransomware

<u>Issue:</u> Disruptive and potential loss of student data.

<u>Result</u>: Total claim was only \$58,000 (no ransom paid). However, this was district's second cyber claim – current deductible is now \$250,000 until MFA and EDR are implemented.

Reminders: MFA and EDR tools



Case Study #8 | Annual Revenue – \$170M

Days to Report:

5 days

Attack Vector:

Email (social engineering)

<u>Issue:</u> Attacker spoofing Clark Construction emails, sent ACH change request for late payment

<u>Result</u>: ISD transferred \$240,000 to fraudulent account – Clark Construction contacted district about outstanding payment

Reminders: Policies & procedures, call to verify





Ransomware

The Process

Pre-Incident

Develop response plan

Performing backups

Conducting training

External vulnerability reports



Evaluate and assess damage

Viable backups

Do NOT pay ransom

Recover from backups



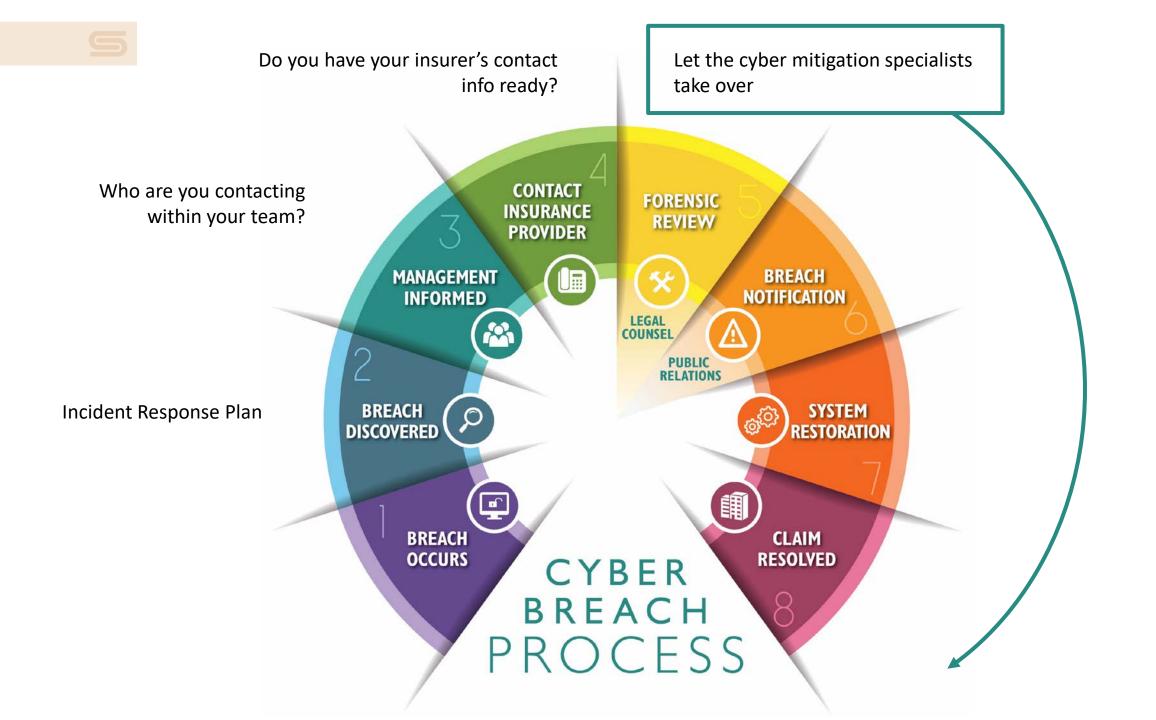
Evaluate and assess damage

Backups not viable

Decide to pay ransom or not

Payment should provide encryption key

Recover





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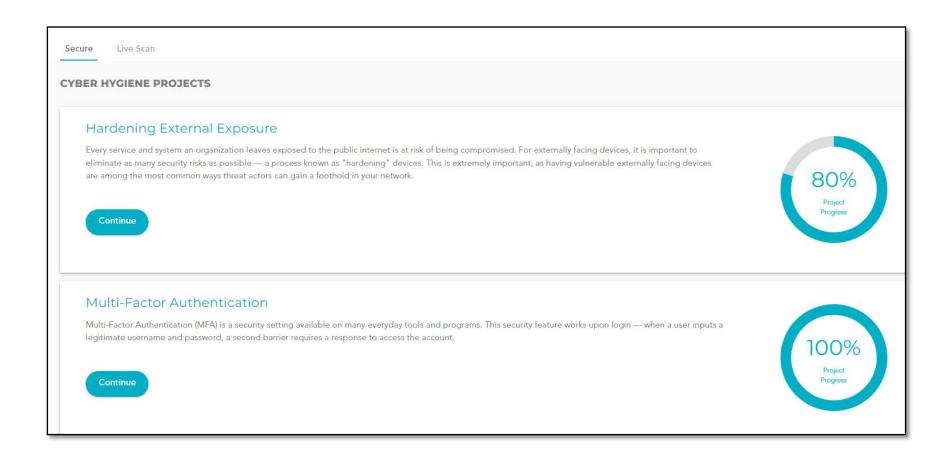




EduPaths Training



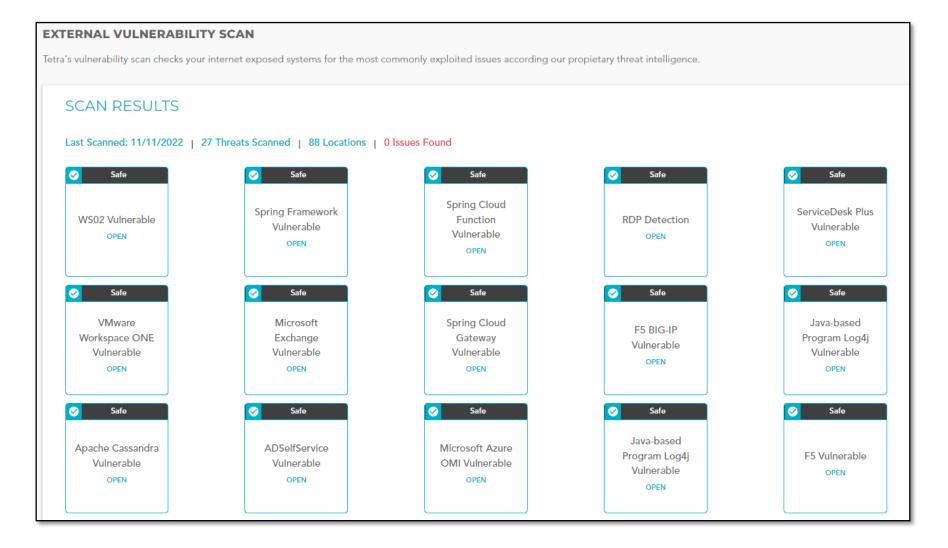
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Top 10 Cyber Hygiene Projects



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Monthly
External
Vulnerability
Scan



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External Vulnerability Scans are....





CYBER SECURITY LANDSCAPE





Insurance Structure

Insurance Company

School Deductible

Traditional Insurance

Insurance Company

SET SEG

Vs.

School Deductible

SET SEG Member





Typical Requirements

Multi-Factor Authentication

- Email
- Privileged user accounts

Email

- Monthly phishing tests
- Advanced threat protection for O365

Backups

- In place / tested / stored separately / encrypted / anti-virus
- Tested 2x a year
- Ability to bring up within 24–72 hours

Patching

 Critical & high-severity patches installed within 1–7 days



Typical Requirements

Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP)

- MFA enabled VPN access
- Network level authentication enabled

Endpoint Protection & Response

- Minimum: End-point protection (EPP) solution
- Preferred: End-point detection & response (EDR)

Planning & Policies

- Incident response plan (IR)
- Disaster recovery plan (DR)
- Business continuity plan (BC)

User Authority

No "administrative rights" for staff



Cyber Insurance Changes?



Limited Market

Less appetite in the marketplace – will drive increased costs

Increase Deductibles

Substantial increase in the marketplace

Coinsurance

District paying for portion of claim cost

Vulnerability Testing

Testing to conduct risk analysis



Cyber Insurance Changes?



Renewals

Application process more challenging

Lower Limits

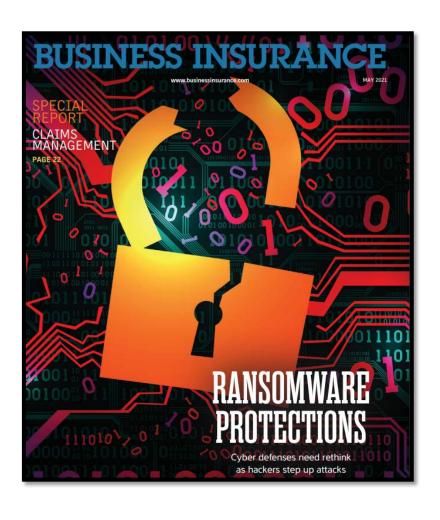
Creating sublimit on amount of coverage

Extortion/Ransom

Coverage may cease to exist in the future



Future Requirements From the Insurance Industry



Phishing training

Multifactor authentication (MFA) – remote access / critical information

Backups offline / inaccessible to outsiders / encrypted / regularly scheduled

Endpoint protection and response (EDR)

Limiting administrative access

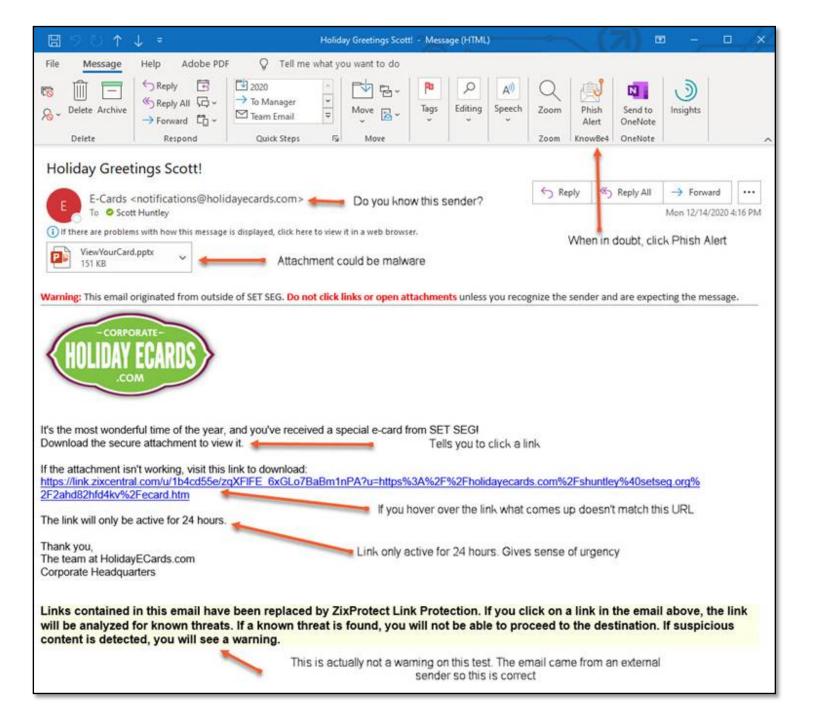
System security patches updated

Close open ports

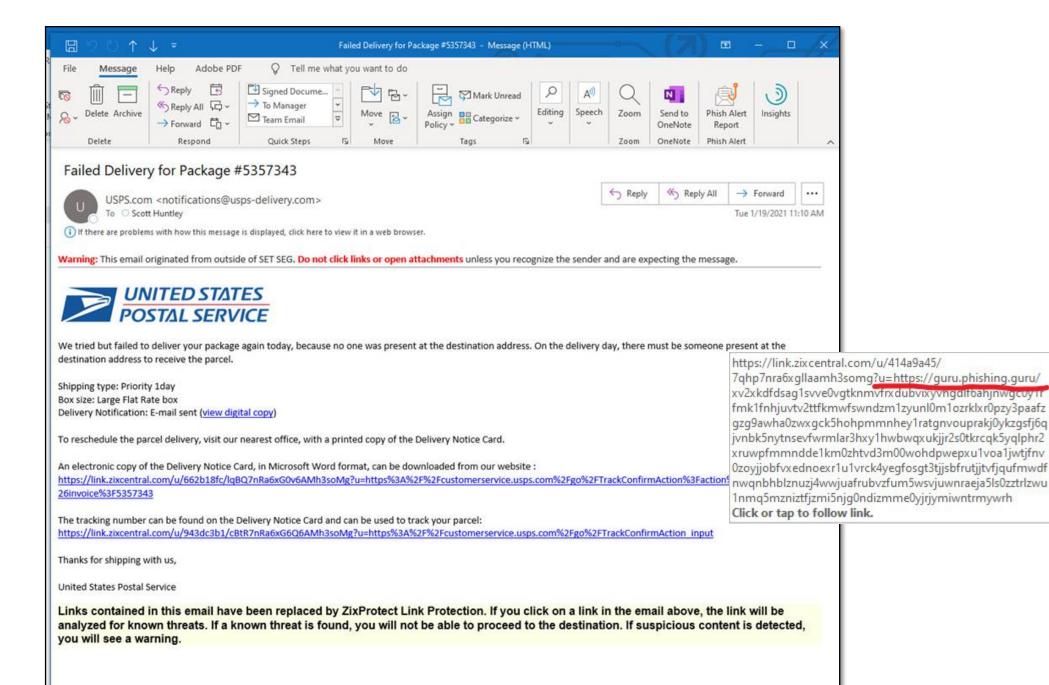
Vulnerability scans are coming...















The Cost

The impact of a breach extends beyond insurance costs





Relations

- Staff engagement
- Community frustration (paying ransom)



Insured Costs

- Deductible
- Premium



Disruption

- Downtime can be days, to weeks
- Cancelled school
- Reconstruction of data



Non-insured Costs

- IT security upgrades
- Employee wages (except overtime)
- Legal expense for updating cyber policies
- If ransom exceeds limit



Insurer Requirements

Deductible Correlates to Security

- No MFA for email
- No MFA for privileged users
- No EDR
- No advanced threat protection O365
- End of life not segregated

- Users have local administrative rights
- No phishing tests
- No SOC
- No vulnerability scans
- Ad-hoc patching cadence





Questions



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