

# MSBO Technology Committee Meeting

April 10, 2025

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Zoom

Chair: Kevin Hustek, Warren Woods Public Schools

Co-chair: Rick Webb, Kenowa Hills Public Schools

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – 50 people in attendance.
2. **Approved minutes from March 13, 2025** – Chris Cerrudo motioned to accept the minutes; Mark Deschaine - 2nd. M/C
3. **REMC Update and Spot Bid Program** – Erik Drake and Mike Richardson, REMC

[MSBO April 2025 - Google Slides](#)

- Contracts
- Copy paper bids
- Computer Vendors
- Tariffs

4. **METL Cybersecurity Update** – Matt McMahon, MiSecure.org

- **MiSecure Operations Team**

- Matt McMahon
- Mike Schonert
- Zach Taylor
- Eric Feldhusen

### Monthly Statistics for CrowdStrike installations/participation:

Deployments		
DESCRIPTION	ANTICIPATED	ACTUAL/ACTIVE
Individual CIDs	101	94
ISDs(2)	53	49
LEAs/PSAs(3)		
Managed assets	n/a	21,032
Servers	6,140	4,569
Users	331	372

### Post incident review:

A user's account was stolen and used to VPN (no MFA) into the network. Once the attacker was inside the network, they were able to utilize the user's admin level account. Using that account, they were able to access a server and upload various tools. The first file of concern was netscan.exe which triggered a critical alert to CrowdStrike. CrowdStrike alerted the district and contained the server. The attacker

pivoted to several other servers and attempted to use various tools to dump credentials and launch ransomware. Each process was stopped and the servers contained. Nine (9) servers were contained due to the attackers actions. The district was able to work with CrowdStrike to stop the attacker's access and mitigate the compromised servers.

**Recommendations:**

- Audit your VPN/RDP accounts. Remove unnecessary accounts, Enable MFA for \*all\* externally facing accounts (internal recommended as well), Review all servers/devices in EOS

**Website redesign:**

<https://misecure.org/misecure-operations-center/>

Watch for 3 Quick Self-Audit sessions {Kent, Marquette and Wayne} to complete your cybersecurity assessments

**Task Force Update (Nicholas/Nick)**

<https://misecure.org/incident-response-planning-tools/>

Next Task Force meeting, April.11

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- The focus this year is around:
  - Getting Incident Response Planning (IRP) tools and resources to a stable version
  - These are all posted on MiSecure.org and free to use for any districts that do not have IRPs
  - We finalized the additional example set of other IRPs as resources on the misecure.org site.
  - Supporting cybersecurity assessments through hosting MiSecure Quick Self Audit sessions regionally (May and April) – be on the lookout.
  - Creating Tabletop exercises to test plans. Expected to have these completed in time for then MAEDS session
  - Reviewing and Updating EduPaths courses on Cybersecurity – Taskforce is collectively reviewing and providing updated info to make sure they are still relevant.

**5. Statewide Testing – Katherine Cermak, MDE**

- Testing is going smoothly.
- We did have a school who had international keyboard setting and had to powerwash their chromebooks.
- Issues with Bluebook for the college board if there is an issue they will need to powerwash the chromebook.
- Working with ISDs and school districts that were covered by the state of emergency order. There are 12 counties affected.
- Any issues, please be sure to reach out directly to [mde-oeaa@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-oeaa@michigan.gov) with “help requested” to work with you.
- ACT deliveries have been delayed, and they are working with them.

## 6. MACUL Update

- a. Conference Stats
  - 2403 Conference Attendees (does not include vendors)
  - 362 Presenters prepared and shared Edtech content
  - 397 Sessions, demos, and special events to choose from
  - 35 workshops attended by 294 people
  - 166 Vendors in Expo Hall
  - 44 Sponsors supported the event
- b. MACUL 2026 will be our 50th Conference
  - March 18-20, 2026 - Grand Rapids, Amway and DeVos Place

### UP MACUL

- a. May 16, 2025
- b. Ironwood Michigan - Gogebic Community College
- c. [Website](#)
- d. [Registration open](#)
- e. Call for speaker is open until Monday, April 7

### Board Elections Results

- a. Amy Dirlam
- b. Ashlie O'Connor
- c. Kier Ingraham
- d. Chris Thomas
- e. Stefani Boutelier
- f. Elizabeth Kutchey
- g. Tanya Leon

### Board and Learning Area Retreat is May 6 and 7

- a. Lansing
- b. Starts our new year

## 7. MSBO Conference Update – Debbie Kopkau

- MSBO Annual Conference – April 29-May 1 in Grand Rapids
- Almost 1800 attendees registered
- Exhibit show was sold out but reworked the show and have about 3 booths left. Total of 446 booths sold.
- Certification classes on Tuesday – Thursday

## 8. Added report from Erate – Joseph Polasek, MDE

- Form 471 Window is Closed AND 14-day Grace Period is Over
  - i. The Grace Period ended yesterday, Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Any applicant that submitted late (but within the Grace Period) must file a Waiver for Consideration
  - iii. Check the E-Rate Listserv for the Waiver AND instructions for filing the waiver with the FCC
- Record numbers of FRNs and Dollars Requested!
  - i. 2,231 Funding Request Numbers (line items on applications) seeking \$110.9 million
  - ii. Also a record number of Out Of Window apps, so use that waiver (refer to the listserv)

- Matching Fund Grant
  - i. FY 2024
    - 1. Those of you awaiting payment (and there are several), please remain patient. We're sorting our process in the absence of a colleague who did these types of payments AND sorting an issue with incorrect information on the Grant Award Notification (GAN).
    - 2. Still waiting on a decision for Monroe
    - 3. FY 2025
  - ii. Three weeks ago, we had enough to cover all estimated requests for FY 2025 AND a surplus for FY 2026
    - 1. After a late-in-the-window filing, we're looking like we'll be around \$170k short for the FY 2025 grant cycle...
      - a. ...IF all applicants are approved...
    - 2. We won't know exactly how much funding will be needed until USAC approvals come
      - a. Still waiting on Monroe, unsure of approvals for FY 2025, for example
  - iii. What's it all mean? You're not going to like this answer...
    - 1. We're going to have to wait and see a bit to know exactly how much funding will remain and make decisions on funding based upon how the funding plays out.
- Questions? Email [Polasekj3@michigan.gov](mailto:Polasekj3@michigan.gov).

Next meeting May 8, 2025, at 1 pm.

Mike Suiter motions to adjourn at 2:10 pm. Seconded by James Tyler. M/C

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kopkau, MSBO