CoSN For Small Districts: Privacy

Small districts leaders have become adept at doing more with less due to the unique challenges they face, and can be more nimble in implementing change than their larger counterparts. These leaders wear many hats and don't have time to waste when it comes to connecting with a national professional organization. That's why many small district leaders turn to CoSN resources - they help small districts get the most bang for their buck when implementing a digital leap.

> CoSN's privacy toolkit has been a great starting point for my conversations with vendors as well as teachers. It provided a baseline for discussion of how we should be protecting and sharing information.
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> - Alex Podchaski, Director of Technology, Oak Knoll School

10 Steps Every District Should Take Today: Privacy is a front-burner topic today. How can districts get in front of this hot-button issue? From designating a privacy official, to creating informed parents, check out these 10 steps and find out.

Infographic: Parents and community members are justifiably confused about privacy in schools. How should you lead a discussion with these stakeholders about privacy? Build trusting relationships by being transparent about what student data is collected and why. CoSN offers a customizable infographic that you can use to communicate this critical information with parents, students, and other stakeholders.

Questions for Online Providers: Do your online providers offer the security necessary for your district to ensure student privacy? Do you know the questions to ask your providers to ensure they do? This list of questions can help guide your online vendor conversations.

Writing Contracts for Online Providers: This set of guidelines suggests specific requirements to be included in contracts with online providers to ensure they comply with your district's security requirements.

Trusted Learning Environment SEAL: Let your community and parents know that your district has implemented aspirational, yet achievable practices in ensuring the privacy of student data. Earn the TLE seal to demonstrate your privacy leadership.

Protecting Privacy Toolkit: Navigating privacy laws can be daunting. CoSN provides a decision-tree to help districts navigate four major federal laws: FERPA, COPPA, HIPAA, and PPRA. Also included are definitions, checklists, examples, and key questions to ask.