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FCC Approves Pilot to Boost Cybersecurity in Schools.

Amid a rapid increase in ransomware attacks on k-12 schools, the commission is allocating $200 million over three years to strengthen cyber protections.

Parents of students in Center Line, Michigan, an inner ring suburb of Detroit, got a text late Monday night last week canceling school the next day. School officials had been forced to shut down the district's entire computer system to stop a ransomware attack. Since schools run through technology, whether it's food service, cameras, phones or educational software, there were few other options.

The closure ultimately lasted only one day. But parents and students have been asked to be patient as the district works "through other tech challenges" likely to surface as the breach is investigated.

Ransomware attacks like the one on Center Line Public Schools are becoming all too familiar. School districts depend more than ever on technology, and as a result, their systems and the personal data they store are increasingly targets of hackers. In 2022, according to an analysis by the cybersecurity firm Emsisoft, 45 districts reported breaches. In 2023, that number more than doubled, to 108.

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