



FBI reporting has indicated a recent increase in PYSA ransomware targeting education institutions. PYSA, also known as Mespinoza, is an extremely dangerous file-encrypting virus that is known for encrypting users' crucial files and data stored on their systems. The unidentified cyber actors have specifically targeted higher education and K-12 schools. These actors use PYSA to exfiltrate data from victims prior to encrypting victim's systems to use as leverage in eliciting ransom payments

For more information from the FBI, please click here.

And if you think your district has been the victim of such a virus, be sure to reach out right away:

NJSIG's Cyber Liability Hotline

Hosted by Beazley Breach Response

1-866-567-8570

A cyber incident isn't always a disaster, but mishandling it is. NJSIG partners with Beazley Breach Response to provide cyber liability coverage and emergency resources. Beazley has a 24-hour hotline available to members who have property coverage with NJSIG. Members are encouraged to call Beazley at 1-866-567-8570 immediately upon any cyber incident.

Claims and Privacy Breach reports should be sent directly to Beazley:

Claims:

Beazley Group

Attn: TMB Claims Group

1270 Avenue of the Americas, 12th Floor

New York, NY 10020 Fax: 646-378-4039

Email: bbr.claims@beazley.com

Additional Cyber Resources:

- Beazley Breach Response (BBR) Information Pack
- Ransomware: Best Practices for Prevention and Response
- BBR Risk Management Information
- BBR Timeline

Privacy Breaches: bbr.claims@beazley.com

We are pleased to announce the continuation of our partnership with LEGAL ONE, which enables **school administrators** in your district to access a wide range of school law webinars and online courses, included as part of your NJSIG membership. This includes access to LEGAL ONE's monthly webinars on timely legal issues and eight of LEGAL ONE's self-paced online courses.

NJSIG's Safety and Risk Control team is in the process of sending each district a unique code you will use to access to LEGAL ONE's offerings. The code has been pre-set to allow for up to 10 redemptions, with one redemption for any single webinar or course that is accessed. If your district would like access to additional webinars/courses, simply email your request for more redemptions to legalone@njpsa.org.

For more information on the LEGAL ONE webinars and courses that are available to NJSIG members at no additional charge, please visit http://nipsa.org/njsig/.

In addition, the LEGAL ONE team of school law experts is pleased to offer free weekly LEGAL ONE Podcasts to help you understand complex legal issues through 20- to 30-minute episodes. Each episode will be hosted by a LEGAL ONE attorney, include information on recent developments in school law, and provide tips for promoting collaboration between parents and schools. New episodes are available every Monday in Apple Podcasts, Google Play, and Spotify.

Click here for more information on the LEGAL ONE Podcast.



Beginning on March 24, 2021, **SafeSchools** will be going through a brand change and will be unifying with their affiliate solutions under the **VectorSolutions** brand. Although there will be no interruption in service, and very little changing for end-users, we wanted to make you aware that you can expect some changes in how the products are presented.

What this means for you:

- When users log in to any of SafeSchools / VectorSolutions Training, SDS, or Incident programs, after March 24, 2021, you will see the VectorSolutions logo, instead of the one for SafeSchools.
- The products' functionality has not changed, so the products will still be familiar to users.
- The URLS to log in to any of the programs **will not change**, so any items you have linked or bookmarked do not need to be updated.
- Emails from SafeSchools / VectorSolutions will now come from the domain @vectorsolutions.com.

If you have any questions, please contact <u>riskcontrol@njsig.org</u>.