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MEMORANDUM



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DATE : October 4, 2024

TO : All Public School System (PSS) Employees

FROM : Commissioner of Education

SUBJECT : 2024 Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Dear Educators,

I am excited to invite you to join us in promoting a culture of safety and security online as we embark on **Cybersecurity Awareness Month**. This year's theme is "*Staying Safe Online: Protecting Our Future.*" Together, we will focus on strengthening cybersecurity practices to ensure a safe digital environment for our students, staff, and community.

We began the month with an official **Proclamation Signing**, launching a series of activities and resources aimed at increasing cybersecurity awareness and proactive action. The proclamation event featured remarks from PSS leadership and an outline of the month's key initiatives, which include using strong passwords, enabling multifactor authentication, keeping devices and software up to date, adhering to cybersecurity best practices, and promptly reporting any suspicious activities to the appropriate authorities.

Events for October:

- **Proclamation Signing** – October 1, 2024
- **Events Calendar:** Available on the SLDS Website (<https://slds.cnmipss.org>)
- **Central Office PD** – Participate in professional development sessions exploring best practices for online safety.
- **PTSA Outreach** – Schools are encouraged to collaborate with their PTSA to raise parent awareness of cybersecurity. Professional development can be requested through Ferdinand Ngirmekur at ferdinand.ngirmekur@cnmipss.org.

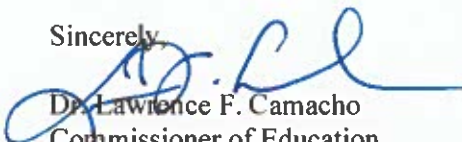
Additional Resources:

- **SLDS Website** - (<https://slds.cnmipss.org>): Stay updated on upcoming activities for Cybersecurity Awareness.
- **CISA Website** - (<https://www.cisa.gov>): Explore more cybersecurity tips and resources.

We need your active involvement to ensure the success of this initiative, with informed participation from educators, students, and families. Throughout the month, PSS will share weekly cybersecurity resources with staff to further support our collective efforts. Keep an eye out for opportunities to engage in vital discussions, best practices, and training sessions.

Thank you for your continued dedication to keeping our online spaces safe. Together, we can protect the future.

Sincerely,



Dr. Lawrence F. Camacho
Commissioner of Education

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