



## DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT



### **Valerie Leuchtman - Assistant Director of Information Technology**

*Minden, Nevada* - Douglas County School District is pleased to announce the appointment of Valerie Leuchtman as the new Assistant Director of Information Technology. With over a decade of experience in IT and cybersecurity, Valerie brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise in network security, risk management, and IT governance, particularly in educational settings.

Valerie joins DCSD from Paradise Valley Unified School District in Phoenix, Arizona, where she served as an IT Systems Engineer. In this role, she led key initiatives to strengthen cybersecurity, successfully developing a strategy that enhanced the district's security posture by 30%. Her work included managing network security infrastructure, incident response, and aligning IT policies with federal and educational standards.

A proactive leader, Valerie has a proven track record in developing security frameworks, managing cross-functional teams, and implementing robust cybersecurity measures to safeguard sensitive information. Her technical skill set encompasses a broad range of expertise, from threat detection to encryption technologies, complemented by her certifications in Cybersecurity and Google IT Support.

As a parent of a DCSD student, Valerie is particularly dedicated to protecting student data privacy. "Ensuring the privacy and security of student data is a priority for me," Valerie shared. "I'm committed to creating and maintaining systems that safeguard sensitive information, supporting a safe and secure learning environment for every student in the district."

Valerie is currently completing her Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational and Project Management, which complements her extensive hands-on experience in IT and cybersecurity. She is also an active member of the Society of Women Engineers and Women in Cyber Security, reflecting her commitment to advancing technology and security within her professional community.

Valerie is eager to contribute to the district's technological advancements and help drive initiatives that prioritize the security and efficiency of DCSD's IT operations. For additional information, you can get in touch with Hailey Sebahar, Director of Marketing & Communications, at [hsebahar@dcsd.k12.nv.us](mailto:hsebahar@dcsd.k12.nv.us).