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Special Valentine's Security Issue!





Shared Drive Restriction

Friendly reminder that Google Drive Share settings will be updated on **Friday, February 13th** to prevent Google Drive files being shared to/from external parties.

The changes will only affect files in the "Shared with Me" section of Google Drive and only applies to files shared through Google Drive/Docs/Sheets, etc.

This change does **NOT** Affect

- Email Communication
- Any files shared to/from students or staff in the Diman Domain
- Traditional Email Attachments

An AllowList has been created to ensure we can still share files with organizations we conduct daily business with.

Calendar Changes

There has been an increase in "calendar spam," where bad actors use meeting invites to send malicious links.
To keep calendars clean and secure, we will adjust the default settings. Starting Friday, February 13th events **will only be added to your calendar once you accept the email invite.**

This change is expected to have minimal impact for Educators. If you do prefer the old method (where every invite shows up on your calendar even before you accept), you can switch it back in your Google Calendar settings.

Be aware that doing so may allow spam or unsolicited invites to reappear.



Diman Security Audit

Users may or may not be aware of a coordinated Phishing attack that took place last week. This threat targeted our organization directly and circumvented several safeguards in place, pointing out a need to audit our Google Environment.

When a School purchases a license to something like Google WorkSpace (or any cloud provider), the organization is provided with a platform that is unsecured and wide open. In the vendor's eyes, it is on the organization to implement their own security measures and restrictions.

Given the uptick in Phishing we have seen over the last few months and increase in new attacks that specifically target Google's environment and systems, we coordinated with our vendor to perform a Security Audit on our configuration. This audit identified *several settings* in our environment that go against recommended Best Practices, including:

- **Google Drive Share Settings Open** – Recommendation is to block, then allow as needed
- **Calendar Invites Auto Accept** - Best Practice is to restrict invites to only be visible once the user clicks accept on the email invitation
- **App Access is Open** - Currently users can sign into 3rd party apps using the "Login with Google" button & their Diman Credentials. The recommendation is to restrict app access to only those allowed due to data leaks
- **Context Awareness is Unconfigured** – Recommendation is to restrict this to only the US or specific allowed countries



***Technology Services has reviewed the results of this audit and will be implementing the recommended changes within our Environment during the February Break**

Please email helpdesk@dimanregional.org with any questions