



Data Privacy and Security

Provide and maintain a robust security environment to support the protection and reliability of data.

Data Protection Officers

Update: July 1, 2026

Meeting Attendance	Facilitator: Scott Przywara Attendees: Steven Duckworth, David Kajdasz, Brian Zybala, Robert Spino, Michelle Krieger, and Scott Roth
General Meeting Notes	• Reviewed the 793 Plan data protection and security objectives: Ed Law 2-d compliance guidance, cybersecurity guidance and support, and disaster recovery/redundancy planning. • Shared updates on Data Protection and Privacy Service supports, DPO meetings, group email/actionable content, new DPO training, RIC One tools, and the discontinuation of the Digital Digest while blasts and podcasts continue. • Discussed implementing anonymous meeting feedback forms beginning with the next DPO meeting to improve meeting content, clarity, and follow-up. • Highlighted the DPO Coach service as a configurable support option for compliance guidance, awareness and training, incident response planning, disaster recovery planning, tabletop exercises, data inventory/data flow review, NIST CSF alignment, and SDPC support. • Reviewed the NIST Cybersecurity Framework 2.0 tool and the Data Privacy Information and Classification tool, including their use for system/data classification and identification of protection needs. • Stakeholders requested additional SDPC training and recurring reminders for tagging, expired agreements, and items districts should not clear out prematurely. • Reviewed Enhanced Cybersecurity Service status, including the July 1, 2026 mandatory start for districts on the WNYRIC network, annual contact validation, vulnerability scanning, phishing support, penetration testing contacts, and vendor offerings. • Discussed Microsoft passkey changes, SMS/voice retirement timing, passkey storage options, token-intercept phishing risk, and district experiences with compromised accounts. • Discussed disaster recovery and redundancy supports, including WNYRIC Remote Backup Service immutable cloud backup and the RIC One Disaster Recovery Plan template.

	Stakeholders noted that the passkey/account compromise discussion would be valuable for the full DPO group and expressed appreciation for WNYRIC availability during incident response situations.
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Provide guidance regarding ed Law 2D compliance	- DPO Coach service has three districts participating for 26-27 - Ed Law 2-d guidance provided at DPO meetings (5 per year) and at Technology Coordinator Meetings held regionally - As part of RIC One, information and templates are provided to districts for Ed Law 2-d guidance - NIST Cybersecurity Framework 2.0 tool was released in July, with statewide training and DPO meeting training provided. - Data Privacy Inventory Classification Tool (DPICIT) was released in July, with statewide training and DPO meeting training provided. It now supports classification of systems and data to help districts identify what data they hold and what protections may be needed. - Stakeholders requested additional SDPC training and reminders; follow-up training is planned for the next DPO meeting, including support for new DPOs and experienced users.
Provide cybersecurity guidance and support	- Cybersecurity guidance provided at DPO meeting (5 per year) and at Technology Coordinator Meetings held regionally - Enhanced Cybersecurity Service - Provides services to improve districts' cybersecurity posture, including Vulnerability and Penetration Testing, Phishing Testing, and malicious email review. Access to cybersecurity vendors including EDR, SIEM, MDR, and Training and Awareness - As part of RIC One, information and templates are provided to districts for Cybersecurity guidance - Cybersecurity information and notifications are provided to districts through the listserv - RFP and contract work continues for Detection and Response awardees. Sedara contract was noted as received, with other awarded vendor contracts still pending. - District-facing passkey awareness was discussed, including Microsoft SMS/voice retirement, passkey prompts, and options such as phone-stored passkeys, Microsoft Authenticator-stored passkeys, and FIDO2-compatible USB security keys. - Stakeholder discussion reinforced the practical risk of token-intercept phishing, session takeover, geofencing limitations, compromised accounts, and the value of MDR/SIEM-style monitoring for small district teams.
Plan for disaster recovery and redundancy	- As part of RIC One, information and templates are provided to districts for Cybersecurity guidance - DPO Coach service reviews disaster recovery plans and helps districts improve them - Cybersecurity guidance provided at DPO meetings (5 per year) and at Technology Coordinator Meetings held regionally

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