

HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2021-22 INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT  
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

**Finding 1** – Cybersecurity Risks: The public sector continues to be one of the most vulnerable industries to cyberattacks.

**Recommendation:** The auditors recommend that the District review the Primer (Cybersecurity Primer for Local Government Leaders) with their information technology management to compare their current cybersecurity framework to the framework developed by the NIST and consider utilizing the resources and best practices described in the Primer.

**District Response:** Over the last several years, cyber security has been a top priority within our technology department and across the district. All employees are now required to complete yearly training with regard to ED-Law 2D, which includes familiarity with keeping data protected. Additionally, the district has already begun the process of switching critical and sensitive systems to require two factor authentication in order to gain access (similar to banking systems). While prevention is key, the district recognizes that it is also never guaranteed. As such, we have spent that last decade continually upgrading, modifying, expanding, and testing our data backups and remain confident that minimal data loss would be experienced in the event of a catastrophic localized event. The district will continue the implementation of two factor authentication during this school year.

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**Implementation Date:** June 30, 2023