

# K-12 Cyber Roundup: Disruptions, Data Breaches, Financial Loss

Jan – Jun 2018

## Disruptions

**Online state testing was disrupted** by a cyber-attack on the company handling the testing.

Greene, TN / Apr 2018 / [Story](#)

Pineland Regional School District network files were **locked by Emotet virus**.

Ocean County, NJ / Mar 2018 / [Story](#)

A **ransomware infection, delivered via email, encrypted the Chester County School network** and demanded a bitcoin ransom. The **network was down for several days**.

Chester, SC / Jan 2018 / [Story](#)

**Six weeks after a ransomware attack**, Jerome School District **does not have full functionality of systems and is still using a temporary website**. The District declined to pay a four bitcoin ransom.

Jerome, ID / Jan 2018 / [Story](#)

**District websites were brought down by a ransomware attack** on Roseburg Public Schools.

Roseburg, OR / May 2018 / [Story](#)

## Data Breaches and Disclosures

**Over 3,700 student names, student ID numbers, phone numbers, and email addresses** were shared accidentally by a Chicago Public School employee on a Blackboard site accessible by families.

Chicago, IL / Jun 2018 / [Story](#)

Hackers unleashed a **phishing attack** posing as a regional organization in order to **steal victims' login information**. Login information was used to access email accounts and files, which contained **student Individualized Education Plans, 504 Plans, and other**

**academic records. Student and parent names, dates of birth, email addresses, and insurance information** was also put at risk.

Fredericksburg, VA / May 2018 / [Story](#)

**Partial social security numbers** of more than **1,200 employees** at Irvington schools were **distributed via email**.

Irvington, NJ / Apr 2018 / [Story](#)

Florida Virtual School was hit with a massive data breach. **Over 368k student records and 543k email addresses** were affected. **Student names, dates of birth, school account usernames and passwords, physical school identification**, as well as **parents' names and parent emails**. Additionally, in Leon County, **names, social security numbers, and other demographic information** were compromised for certain teachers.

Florida / Mar 2018 / [Story](#)

A foreign hacker **gained access to the Nampa school district network** through a user's email address. Close to **4,000 current and past employees' names, Social Security numbers, birth dates, and/or financial account information** were put at risk.

Nampa, ID / Mar 2018 / [Story](#)

**Payroll information including Social Security numbers** were **accidentally posted** on the Livingston County School District public website.

Livingston, KY / Feb 2018 / [Story](#)

## Financial Loss

Students at Bloomfield Hills School in Michigan **hacked into their school's database to change grades, attendance and reduce lunch balance accounts**.

Bloomfield Hills, MI / May 2018 / [Story](#)

Leominster school district **paid \$10,000 in bitcoin to hackers that gained control of their network**.

Leominster, MA / Apr 2018 / [Story](#)