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Office of Native Affairs and Policy

Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

On **Tuesday, July 23, 2024, starting at 2 p.m. EDT**, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), along with the U.S. Department of Education, will host a virtual webinar to provide information about the FCC's Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program (Pilot Program) as well as information on other federal cybersecurity resources available to schools and libraries. To register for the webinar, click on this registration link. The webinar will also be recorded and will be made available on the FCC's website.

The webinar will provide an overview of the Pilot Program, address frequently asked questions regarding program requirements, and the application process to be selected as a participant in the Pilot Program. The U.S. Department of Education will highlight its efforts to promote cybersecurity readiness in K-12 schools, including the availability of a variety of its cybersecurity resources and tools.

Background on the Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program
On June 6, 2024, the Commission adopted a Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program (WC Docket No. 23-234). The Pilot Program will provide $200 million over a three-year period to selected participants to defray the costs of eligible cybersecurity services and equipment. Modeled after the FCC's Connected Care Pilot, the Pilot Program will allow the FCC to collect data and evaluate the effectiveness of using universal service funds to support cybersecurity services and equipment to protect school and library broadband networks and data, and share lessons learned with our federal partners to jointly combat this growing problem. Schools, libraries and consortia of schools and libraries (e.g., regional or statewide groups of schools or libraries that jointly apply for the Pilot Program) that meet the FCC's E-Rate program's eligibility requirements will be eligible to apply to participate in the Pilot Program. A Pilot Program applicant need not be a current or former E-Rate program applicant in order to be eligible to apply for the Pilot. The FCC expects to initiate the application process by opening an application window for the Pilot this Fall. Visit https://www.fcc.gov/cybersecurity-pilot-program to learn more about the Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program.

More Information on the Pilot Program Webinar
Questions may be submitted prior to the webinar by sending an email to CyberPilot@fcc.gov. Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way for FCC staff to contact the requester if more information is needed to fill the request. Last minute requests will be accepted but it may not be possible to accommodate the request.

For further information about the webinar, contact Tiffany Purvis at tiffany.purvis@fcc.gov or email CyberPilot@fcc.gov. You are also welcome to reach out to the Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP) at Native@fcc.gov if you have any questions.

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