



Rhode Island Department of Education & White House Office of the National Cyber Director **Cybersecurity Education Summit: *Preparing Schools for a Digital Future***

As leaders committed to the safety and well-being of Rhode Island's students, educators, and school communities, we recognize the growing threat of cyberattacks on our schools. To protect the digital infrastructure that supports learning and ensure the security of sensitive information, we pledge to partner with the White House Office of the National Cyber Director (ONCD) and the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) in adopting Protective Domain Name system (PDNS) cybersecurity supports across all schools statewide by June 30, 2025.

By signing this pledge, we commit to:

- **Strengthen Cybersecurity through PDNS Adoption** – Collaborate with the White House, RIDE, and technology partners to implement PDNS solutions that block malicious websites, prevent cyber threats, and protect the integrity of our school systems' online activities.
- **Safeguard Student and Staff Privacy** – Take proactive steps to secure personal and sensitive information, ensuring that all student and staff data is protected from unauthorized access and potential cyber threats.
- **Foster Cybersecurity Awareness and Training** – Promote cybersecurity best practices through ongoing professional development and awareness campaigns for school administrators, teachers, staff, and students, ensuring everyone plays a role in maintaining a secure digital environment.
- **Leverage Federal and State Support** – Maximize the resources and expertise provided by the White House, RIDE, and other stakeholders to strengthen our schools' cybersecurity posture, ensuring sustainable protection and continuous improvement.

By joining this partnership, we pledge to make cybersecurity a top priority in our schools, working together with the White House ONCD and RIDE to implement PDNS solutions that ensure the safety and security of educational systems.

Acknowledging our Shared Purpose: In ceremonial recognition of this pledge, the following dignitaries lend their support as signatories, endorsing and amplifying the values and aspirations of this commitment:

Angélica Infante-Green
Rhode Island Commissioner of
Elementary and Secondary Education

Daniel J. McKee
Governor of Rhode Island

Harry Coker, Jr.
National Cyber Director