Neither parents nor administrators were prepared for the school closures caused by COVID-19. The rapid shift to remote learning created ripples still being felt today, as schools — especially those already insufficiently funded — struggle to provide access to quality education for all.

School systems are being specifically targeted by cybercriminals with reported cyber incidents tripling in one year.

Schools are facing an unprecedented explosion of exposure points — and many underestimate the risks, even as schools continue to be targeted by cybercriminals.

Over 1.5 billion learners around the world are impacted. At their peak, the closures affected at least 55.1 million students in 124,000 U.S. public and private schools.1

87% of students affected by school closures did not have access or inadequate access to education.

22% of schools don’t know how access rights are granted

63% of schools don’t review permissions on a regular basis

24% admitted to granting direct access rights upon request

22% of schools don’t have a dedicated, full-time cybersecurity professional on staff

18% have a dedicated, full-time cybersecurity professional on staff

Top 3 Threats to Avoid

Unauthorized disclosure/theft of student records
Breaches and hacks affecting operations/student data
Phishing

Control access to sites based on individual or group identity
Block harmful web content on district-issued laptops or BYOD

SonicWall Secure Access Solution, which includes Secure Mobile Access, Capture Client and Cloud App Security, ensures end-to-end protection of students and administrators, enabling schools to provide anytime, anywhere, any-device access to any application.

Stop targeted phishing, impersonation and account takeover attacks
Provide consistent client security with actionable intelligence and reporting

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