THE EDUCATION SECURITY GAP

Anytime+Anywhere Education brings both opportunities and challenges for schools in the era of COVID-19. While students and teachers discover creative ways to learn remotely, schools face the daunting task of providing secure mobile access to all students, while protecting their networks from cyberattacks.

IT LEADERS RANK PHISHING AS GREATEST RISK

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

THE IT LANDSCAPE HAS CHANGED FOREVER

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 GLOBALLY

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

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

22% of students affected have access to inappropriate content

24% of schools have a dedicated, full-time cybersecurity professional on staff

24% admitted to granting direct access rights upon request

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.

IT Leaders Rank Phishing as Greatest Risk

The 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

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