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## IN THIS ISSUE: CISA REPORT AND BUSINESS CASE FOR INFO SHARING

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### K12 SIX Highlighted in CISA Report

K12 SIX applauds the release of "[Protecting Our Future: Partnering to Safeguard K-12 Organizations from Cybersecurity Threats](#)" by the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). The report, mandated by the K-12 Cybersecurity Act of 2021, clearly and concisely communicates the unique cybersecurity challenge the U.S. K-12 education sector is facing and recommends common sense steps that education leaders—including superintendents, school board members, and state policymakers—can take to bring about needed change.

As the CISA report recommends, school district leaders should take immediate action to shore up their cyber risk management practices, including by implementing essential cybersecurity protections like multifactor authentication and participating in a threat information sharing community of peers like K12 SIX.

For those school districts looking for additional support and guidance, CISA recommends resources available to school systems, including K12 SIX's K-12 cyber incident response runbook, which is freely available to the K-12 community on the K12 SIX website alongside other resources and tools in the [K12 SIX Essentials Series](#).

No K-12 institution is an island. Information sharing and collaboration with peers and partners is essential to build awareness and sustain resilience. K-12 entities should participate in an information sharing forum such as the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) and/or K12 Security Information eXchange (K12 SIX) and establish a relationship with CISA and FBI field personnel.

*Key Finding #3 in [Protecting Our Future: Partnering to Safeguard K-12 Organizations from Cybersecurity Threats](#)*

### Business Case for Sharing

GRF's Mark Orsi partnered with Charles Blauner of Team8, Michael Daniel of Cyber Threat Alliance, and Jeremy Jurgens of the World Economic Forum to produce the white paper "The Business Imperative of Cyber Information Sharing for Our Collective Defence" which makes a business case for threat information exchange.

The paper outlines three steps to overcome barriers to sharing, focusing on organizational structures needed to make sharing practical and acceptable:

1. Make info sharing a C-suite prerogative
2. Manage compliance / regulatory concerns
3. Define "sharing" on a practical level

As Blauner writes, "Cybersecurity professionals almost universally support increased information sharing... In fact, the consensus on information sharing is remarkable for its consistency and durability. Yet, despite this consensus, the level of cyberthreat information sharing remains insufficient. Clearly, if everyone agrees that we should do something, but many organizations do not, we need to examine the impediments to action more closely."

All organizations should consider joining their sector's ISAC and/or the Business Resilience Council - an all hazards, multi-sector threat sharing community that includes vendors to create a fabric of security and resilience. Download the World Economic Forum white paper [here](#).

Interested in becoming a member, sponsor, or partner? Contact [info@grf.org](mailto:info@grf.org).

## LaFalce Joins GRF Board To Represent BRC



**David LaFalce**  
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### David LaFalce Joins GRF Board

GRF is pleased to announce that David LaFalce, Global Head of Operational Resilience at Wells Fargo, has joined its board of directors.

LaFalce joins the board as the representative for Business Resilience Council (BRC). BRC is a GRF subsidiary focused on four key programs:

1. Cross-sector sharing of threats, incidents and vulnerabilities
2. Developing an operational resilience framework to withstand destructive events
3. Building third-party security connections including vendors, suppliers, and other partners
4. Running exercises that test the resilience of members against geopolitical, physical and cyber threats

As a member of the board, David LaFalce brings extensive business resilience experience. At Wells Fargo, he is responsible for ensuring robust plans are in place to deliver essential services when faced with severe but plausible scenarios such as extreme cyber-attacks, IT system outages or third-party supplier failure. Prior to Wells Fargo, David was Managing Director and the Global Head of Security and Business Continuity at DTCC, and the Chief Security Officer at The Clearing House Payments Company.

### LS-ISAO Member Workshop

Join your peers in New York at the offices of Fried Frank on March 14th for a day of educational sessions and networking. Let the LS-ISAO team know who you want to hear from and which subjects are critical to you! Speaker and session topic suggestions are welcome! Email [rsantiago@grf.org](mailto:rsantiago@grf.org) for more information or to offer input.

### First BRC Exercise

Thank you to those who attended the Business Resilience Council's first exercise, offered with IBM Promontory and focused on impacts to supply chains due to geopolitical conflict in Asia. The team was pleased with the attendance and the feedback from participants. The Business Resilience Council will be presenting another virtual exercise in April. Stay tuned for more details!

### GRF Foundation Scholarship

Help fill the cyber-skills gap! The GRF Foundation Scholarship offers recipients funding to further cybersecurity education and improve chances of professional placement or advancement in the field. It also provides one-on-one mentorship from a sponsoring organization and travel to the end of year Summit on Security & Third-Party Risk.

Organizations interested in funding a scholar, providing mentorship or an internship should contact Edie Allyn-Page for additional information: [eallynpage@grf.org](mailto:eallynpage@grf.org).

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