



## 3 Ways K-12 Schools Can Fill Overlooked Cybersecurity Holes

These tips will ensure that K–12 school administrators and IT teams working to protect their students' data do not miss anything in their action plans.

## AI will be the most influential technology in coming years, say state IT chiefs

Chatbots, voice assistants and machine learning will continue to grow as ways governments deliver services, according to a survey of state government technology officials.

## USDA is Investing in Rural Broadband

USDA has been investing in rural telecommunications infrastructure for decades, and current programs offer more than \$700 million per year for modern broadband e-Connectivity in rural communities.

## Local Governments Tap Drones to Boost Public Safety

Public safety agencies are launching drones to gather data on suspects, capture footage, reconstruct accident scenes and more.

## **The Gig Economy Gets a Boost Thanks to Public Library Tech Upgrades**

A new generation of gig workers and entrepreneurs heads to the local library to keep overhead low and opportunity high.

## **Where Medication Therapy Management/Telehealth Services Deliver Value**

Chronic disease accounts for 86% of U.S. healthcare costs. For decades policymakers have suggested chronic diseases can be better managed, with an emphasis on using patient support programs to improve health outcomes and contain costs. However, in its 25 year history disease management, performed by payers and independent vendors, has yielded mixed results.

## **FCC Helps Outlets Prep for Hurricane Lane**

The FCC has activated its disaster information reporting system (DIRS) as Hurricane Lane bears down on the Hawaiian islands. DIRS is a voluntary, web-based system that communications companies can use to report communications infrastructure status and situational awareness information during times of crisis.

## **Most Americans Continue to Have Privacy and Security Concerns, NTIA Survey Finds**

Privacy and security online continue to be major issues for Americans, according to an NTIA survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Nearly three-quarters of Internet-using households had significant concerns about online privacy and security risks in 2017, while a third said these worries caused them to hold back from some online activities.

## **Back to school? Time to talk online safety**

Your kids are probably online all throughout the year, but during the school year they may be more connected – at the library, at school and at home.

## **Rural Broadband Gets Boost In Senate**

Newly-passed funding for the Broadband Pilot Program, combined with \$600 million included in the FY 2018 Omnibus Spending Bill, is expected to provide over \$1 billion for rural broadband investments. The Agriculture Appropriations bill which passed the Senate this week includes \$425 million for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Utilities Service's broadband grant-loan pilot program.

## New facial recognition tech catches first impostor at D.C. airport

Facial recognition technology caught an impostor trying to enter the U.S. on a fake passport that may have passed at face value with humans, federal officials said

## How K–12 School Districts Can Best Prepare for Ransomware Recovery

As the value of student data goes up, a ransomware attack becomes more likely for K–12 school districts, which means IT teams need to be prepared when it comes time to rebuild.



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