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To: District Superintendent

CC: District Technology Director

Subject: Free SANS Security Training and Global Information Assurance Certification (GIAC)

In an effort to enhance cyber and information security defense proficiencies among public school districts across the Palmetto State a new initiative has been established by the South Carolina K-12 Schools Technology Initiative Committee (K-12 Committee). This new initiative will focus on promoting IT Security training. The applied concepts acquired from this training will assist in improving the overall information security of students and staff district-wide.

On behalf of the K-12 Committee I am reaching out to all public school district superintendents regarding an opportunity for one District IT Staff person to receive a free cyber security training voucher. This voucher will entitle the recipient to both the SANS (OnDemand and vLive) online training and GIAC Certification Exam over a redemption period of 12 months. This training was designed by a collaboration of the SANS Partnership program and the Center for Internet Security (CIS) to assist in achieving a greater cyber security stance worldwide.

Additional information regarding these two nationally recognized security training programs can be accessed via the following websites.

SANS OnDemand: <https://www.sans.org/ondemand/>

SANS vLive Classes: <https://www.sans.org/vlive>

GIAC Certification: <http://www.giac.org/>

The designated District IT Staff person should contact Valarie Byrd via email: vdbyrd@cio.sc.gov or by phone: (803) 896-0323 by June 5, 2015 to take full advantage of this limited availability offering.

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SC K-12 Schools Technology Initiative Committee