

Lakeland Joint School District #272

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Board Agenda Item

Request

AGENDA ITEM: Action Item

PURPOSE: Plan for I.T. Security Audit

MEETING DATE: July 15, 2026

PREPARED BY:

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INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY:

Penetration testing is a proactive cybersecurity assessment in which qualified security professionals simulate real-world cyberattacks to identify vulnerabilities before they can be exploited by malicious actors. Unlike automated vulnerability scans, penetration testing evaluates how an attacker could gain access to district systems, sensitive student and staff data, or critical network resources. The results include prioritized findings and recommendations to strengthen the district's security posture.

The district's Technology Department supports conducting an independent penetration test as part of a layered cybersecurity strategy. While the district already employs multiple security measures and continuously monitors its environment, periodic third-party testing provides an objective assessment of our defenses, helps validate existing security controls, supports risk management efforts, and demonstrates due diligence in protecting district information systems.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The PenTester security audit would cost about \$12,000.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend we schedule *both* the PenTester security audit for \$12,000 as well as the Idaho National Guard's free security audit for the Fall of 2026, or as soon as these organizations are able to schedule the audits.