

Harriman, Rheannon CITZ:EX

Subject: K-12 Education Sector Roundtable

Location: s.15; s.17

Start: Fri 2021-05-28 10:00 AM

End: Fri 2021-05-28 11:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Liddy, Eleanor EDUC:EX

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Optional Attendees: Pridmore, Kerry CITZ:EX; Harriman, Rheannon CITZ:EX

Agenda attached

The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Citizens' Services are looking to host an engagement session within the next month to provide an overview and hear feedback on recent government developments to improve B.C. public sector privacy and access-to-information rules and enable service modernization.

The focus of the session will be on how government is responding to issues raised by key stakeholders during previous engagement sessions and through comments provided to the Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed to review the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA).

The following topics will be of particular interest for School Districts:

- *Data residency* – FOIPPA currently prohibits government from storing or accessing personal information outside of Canada, except in specific circumstances. The pandemic has highlighted the need for a longer-term solution to the current Ministerial Order as more and more government business is shifting to being conducted virtually.
- *Privacy Enhancements* – It has been recommended to government, that all public bodies should implement Privacy Management Programs, and also be required to report privacy breaches that pose real risk of significant harm to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner and to the impacted individual(s). These types of controls are becoming more commonplace within privacy compliance frameworks.
- *Subsidiary entities* – FOIPPA currently does not contain an authority under which entities controlled by public bodies could be designated for coverage by the Act. It has been recommended that government define criteria to be used to assess if a subsidiary entity owned or controlled by a public body could be designated as a public body under the Act.



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AGENDA

K-12 Education Sector Roundtable

Location: Ministry of Education (Zoom)

Date / Time: May 28 2021 9:00PM - 11:00 PM

[Zoom Link](#)

Chair:	Eleanor Liddy	A/ADM, Ministry of Education
Facilitator:	Matt Reed	Executive Director & A/Chief Policy Officer, Ministry of Citizens' Services
Attendees:	Kerry Pridmore	ADM, Ministry of Citizens' Services
	Rheannon Harriman	Director, Transformation, Ministry of Citizens' Services
	David Vandergugten	Asst. Superintendent, SD#42
	Josh Porter	Director, Information Technology, SD#71
	Andy Canty	Director, Information Technology, SD#61
	Stephen Whiffin	Director of Instruction & CIO, SD#43
	Jon Rever	Assistant Superintendent, SD#23
	Dave Sands	Principal of Technology, SD#43

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5.	Roundtable	All

Summary of Discussion

FOIPPA Engagement - K-12 sector

May 28, 2021

10:00 – 11:00am

BC Government

Attendees:

Ministry of Citizens' Services

Kerry Pridmore, ADM, Corporate Information and Records Management

Matt Reed, ED, Strategic Policy and Legislation

Rheannon Harriman, Director, Strategic Policy and Legislation

Ministry Education

Eleanor Liddy, ADM, Services and Technology

Jennifer Wray, ED, Services & Technology

Christine Lervold, Director, MyEducation BC Operations

Julia Preston, Project Assistant

K-12 Sector Attendees:

Stephen Whiffin, Director of Instruction & CIO, Coquitlam School District

Dave Sands, Principle Technology Implementation for Coquitlam and Chairperson, MyED BC Service Management Council

David Vandergugten, Assistant Superintendent, Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District

Josh Porter, Director of Information Technology, Comox Valley School District

Andy Canty, Director of Information Technology for Learning, Greater Victoria School District

Session purpose:

- Hear feedback on opportunities to improve B.C.'s public sector privacy rules with a focus on data residency, privacy protection requirements, and subsidiary entities.

Key themes:

- Current data residency flexibility has generally not changed practices
 - Need to limit the number of tools available so students/teachers/parents do not get overwhelmed
 - Do not have enough IT support in districts to ensure proper privacy/security practices are in place
 - Last amendment to FOIPPA created confusion regarding use of Azure AD in districts which has not been solved. Want to ensure any future amendments takes into consideration the school district setting.
 - Want to do everything possible to encourage innovation while managing risk and supporting teachers to follow the rules.
- Capacity for supporting technology implementation varies across school districts; limits opportunities
 - For example, data centres can be self-hosted in larger districts, not in smaller, leading to varied uptake in technologies. If could leverage data centres elsewhere, could bring some equity.
 - Smaller districts don't have capacity and expertise to be able to negotiate with vendors and review contracts thoroughly to ensure data is being managed appropriately
- Concerned about practicality of implementing Privacy Management Programs
 - School Act gives teachers large amount of authority on what they can do in classrooms – need to balance autonomy with requirements
 - If required to implement large scale programs, would need more resources across all districts
 - Capacity problem in smaller districts – some don't have privacy officers yet
 - Would need to understand data and have teachers on board before could implement. Many higher priority topics for the limited teacher professional development time.
- Subsidiary entities less prevalent now than historically

- Districts have changed the way their International Education and Distanced Learning programs operate; most are now departments in district rather than subsidiary entities.
 - Would need to define subsidiary entity for the school district context before moving forward.
- Leverage existing conduits to support implementation
 - ERAC for training material
 - Encourage use of myEd environment and tools to support compliance