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DISTRICTS WORKING TO BE THE FIRST IN CALIFORNIA TO EARN COSN TLE SEAL

The SDCOE Cybersecurity team's mission is to "empower supported districts and k-12 schools to strengthen their information security systems and processes." One



manifestation of this is through facilitating the pilot cohort to earn their CoSN Trusted Learning Environment (TLE) Seal. To earn this designation, Valley Center-Pauma Unified School District and Oceanside Unified School District are going on a yearlong journey to demonstrate a commitment to protecting the privacy of student data by demonstrating measurable steps via a rigorous application process.

The TLE Seal is the nation's only data privacy seal for school systems, focused on building a culture of trust and transparency. The Program requires school systems to have implemented high standards for student data privacy protections around five core practice areas: Leadership, Business, Data Security, Professional Development and Classroom. School systems that meet the Program requirements will earn the TLE Seal, signifying their commitment to student data privacy to their community. (TrustedLearning.Org)

Ben Markley, chief technology officer of Valley Center-Pauma Unified School District states, "We see it as an opportunity to improve our procedures concerning student and staff data privacy. The fact we get to work as a cohort and not do all of this work on our own is another benefit we wanted to take advantage of."

Earning this badge of distinction engages all facets of each of these organizations under the guidance of the cohort members from Valley Center-Pauma and Oceanside school districts. Based upon the commitment and passion demonstrated since the start of the cohort in March, it is clear that both of these districts have the potential to be the first TLE Seal recipients in our state.

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