



SOPPA COMPLIANCE

June 14th, 2021

Leaders from Quality Network Solutions have participated in three SOPPA Webinars conducted by Robbins/Schwartz Legal Firm in conjunction with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to gain knowledge and detailed clarification of the forthcoming SOPPA requirements taking effect July 1st, 2021.

Based upon the current information, QNS will play a significant role in providing Districts with best-practices in Cyber-Security following CIS Critical Security Controls (CSC, CIS Top 20 protocols) and maintaining current inventories to include serial numbers of IT assets. These detailed inventories will require district sign-off.

Although we strongly believe cyber-security best-practices are already in place; should any changes be needed in network configuration, antivirus or firewall security, QNS will be available to make the necessary changes.

We have also reviewed, and garnered outside opinion on, the Standard Student Data Privacy Agreement , " IL-NDPA Standard, Version 1.0" and confirmed this to be between the Districts and the Operators, such as prominent student information system companies and other providers collecting sensitive student data. Exhibit "E" within the Data Privacy Agreement(DPA) requires a District signature-not a signature from QNS. Districts need to consider naming a "Privacy Officer" as outlined within SOPPA.

QNS is not defined as a "Operator or Provider" as outlined in SOPPA:

An operator (provider) of an internet website, online service, or online application with knowledge that the site is primarily used for K-12 purposes and designed for that purpose.

Over the last two decades, Quality Network Solutions has always closely partnered with Districts throughout the Midwest in all IT compliance matters. We are here to assist and further strengthen our dedication to K-12 education.

Cordially,

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