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Dear Ysleta ISD employees,

Currently district email users are receiving higher volumes of phishing and spam emails. Working from home can bring new challenges with virus protection. Please help us remain vigilant in our fight against these forms of cyber-attacks. Recent phishing attempts have involved spoofing (faking the email sender). This strategy "plays" on our familiarity with each other and lures us into clicking links and performing actions which allow the hackers a foothold into our organization.

Red flags for identifying phishing emails:

1. If it gives you a sense of urgency, proceed with caution.
2. If the content or subject matter is something not in your normal course of activity, proceed with caution.
3. If the offer is too good to be true, it probably is.
4. Proceed with caution if the email is identified as coming from outside the organization.
5. If the formatted name does not match the source address.
6. If you are prompted for ANY kind of financial data or transaction.
7. Bad spelling or poor formatting of the message and other parts of the email is often an indicator.

Things to avoid doing:

1. Do not copy/paste your password. This can make it vulnerable to collection during the copy/paste operation.
2. Do not initiate any financial transaction from email, instead go to the web site independently from the email.
3. Be cautious of websites that give certificate warnings.

We want to thank all YISD employees for your participation and assistance in the fight against this ongoing and very real threat. User education is a key factor in this fight. If you still have not fulfilled your required annual cyber security training please do so now; by going here https://training.knowbe4.com/auth/saml/624b557e584c2

Sincerely,

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