

Being Proactive: Making Student Data Privacy A Priority November 8, 2019



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Agenda!

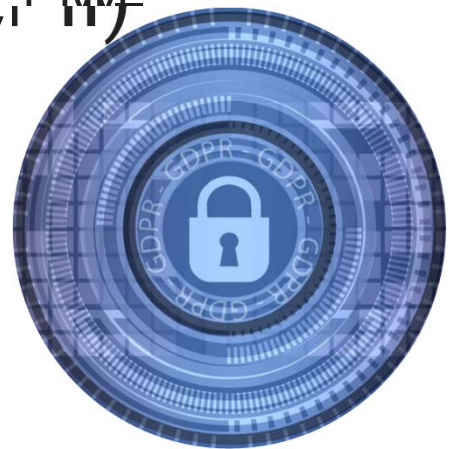
- State level purpose and intent
- What is Student Data Privacy and why should I care?
- What issues have arisen on the national front?
- Overview of the VT Student Data Privacy Alliance website
- Who should oversee your district work on this?
- What do I need to know as an administrator/SB member?
- Questions?

Data Privacy

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Soc Sec #	Full Name	Parent information	Address
	Date of Birth	Age	Physical attributes



You know how it goes.....

That **Great**
Professional
Development
session



That Math conference

The ELA Professional
Learning Network
meeting



Terms of Service

- When was the last time you read.....?
- “We can change these terms of service at any time”
- “We will collect all data, we reserve the right to sell said data”
- “Data on this site becomes the sole property of Company X, with full rights of disposition”



National Front-- Student Data Privacy-- Why Now?

- Awareness
- Vast number of apps/tools and the collections they foster
- There are people and companies “mining” and selling this data
- The number of very public “breaches” that occur and the behind the scenes ones that never get reported.....
- Questions raised here in VT by parents, community members about how/why/where data goes and who owns...

2015 Student Privacy Pledge: Obama Initiative

At a glance, the [Student Privacy Pledge](#) requires that education tech companies:

- Not sell student information
- Not use behavioral advertising
- Use data for authorized education purposes only
- Not change privacy policies without notice and choice
- Enforce strict limits on data retention
- Support parental access to, and correction of errors in, their children's information
- Develop comprehensive security standards
- Be transparent about collection and use of data
- **TO DATE: 352**

We Commit To:
X Not collect, maintain, use or share student personal information beyond that needed for authorized educational/school purposes, or as authorized by the parent/student.

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act --- 1974

.....guarantees that parents have *access to their child's education record* and *restricts who can access and use student information*. FERPA protects the access to and sharing of a student's education record, which is all information directly related to a particular student as part of his or her education.

Student level data can only be shared without parental consent under specific exceptions; Audit, Research, Safety, & "School Official".

FERPA gives parents specific rights to their child's education records and when a child turns 18, the rights belong directly to the student.

AN OPPORTUNITY: Educate your staff: Nov 13 and 14

FTC may
revisit
current
language

COPPA **Children's Online Privacy Protection Act**

.....controls what information is collected from young children by companies operating websites, games, and mobile applications directed toward children under 13.

COPPA requires companies to have a clear privacy policy, provide direct notice to parents, and obtain parental consent before collecting information from children under 13. Teachers and other school officials are authorized to provide this consent on behalf of parents for use of an educational program, but only for use in the educational context.

Great resource for all things Student Privacy

<https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/>



 **Protecting Student Privacy**
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
A Service of the Privacy Technical Assistance Center and the Student Privacy Policy Office

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Student Privacy 101:

STUDENT PRIVACY AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The U.S. Department of Education is committed to student privacy. We administer the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and we provide technical assistance to help schools and school districts use best practices in their use and management of information about students. This



Resource specific to reading Terms of Service

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Protecting Student Privacy' website. The URL in the address bar is <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/resources/protecting-student-privacy-while-using-online-educational-services-model-terms-service>. The website header includes the U.S. Department of Education logo and the text 'Protecting Student Privacy U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION A Service of the Privacy Technical Assistance Center and the Student Privacy Policy Office'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header, there are navigation links for 'RESOURCES', 'TRAINING', 'BROWSE BY AUDIENCE', 'FAQs', 'ABOUT US', 'CONTACT', and a 'FILE A COMPLAINT' button. The main content area features a large heading: 'Protecting Student Privacy While Using Online Educational Services: Model Terms of Service'. Below this heading, it states 'LAST UPDATED: MARCH 2016' and provides a 'DOWNLOAD DOCUMENT' button. The text below explains that the Privacy Technical Assistance Center, working with the Department of Education's Family Policy Compliance office, has developed a checklist document for evaluating online educational tools' Terms of Service Agreements. It also lists the document's sections: a checklist for evaluating Terms of Service Agreements, warning signs and potential illegal practices, and recommendations and best practices for protecting oneself and data. A 'FEATURED RESOURCES' sidebar on the right highlights 'Integrated Data Systems and Student Privacy', describing it as a guidance document providing background information on Integrated Data System (IDS) and why educational authorities may choose to participate in one, clarifying how such authorities can participate in an IDS while ensuring student privacy in compliance with FERPA. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open PDF files and the system clock indicating 3:07 PM on 5/17/2019.

FERPA SHERPA and other resources on topic...



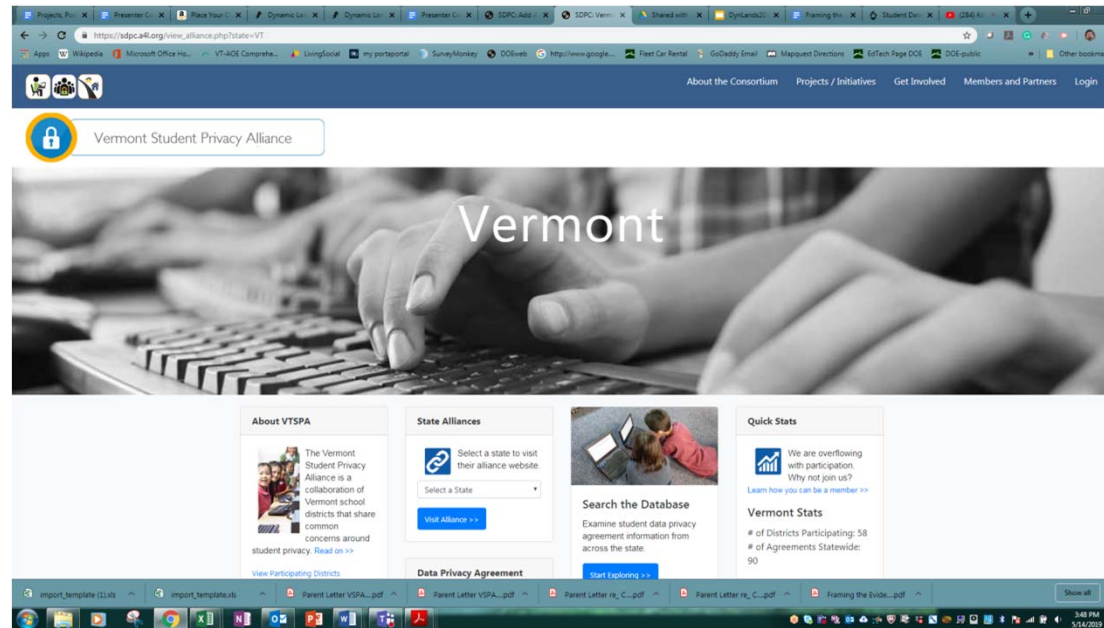
<https://ferpasherpa.org/>

The image shows a YouTube video player interface. On the left is a large video thumbnail for a "Teacher Training Course" featuring a man in a classroom. Below the thumbnail are the video title, view count (4,291), and update date (Apr 11, 2019). On the right is a list of four video thumbnails with their titles and durations: "FERPA Basics Introduction" (3:32), "FERPA Parental Rights" (1:30), "FERPA Exceptions Overview" (1:57), and "FERPA Exceptions (Directory information)".

A great set of videos

Vermont efforts....

- Our statewide site...



Vermont has joined the Student Data Privacy Consortium

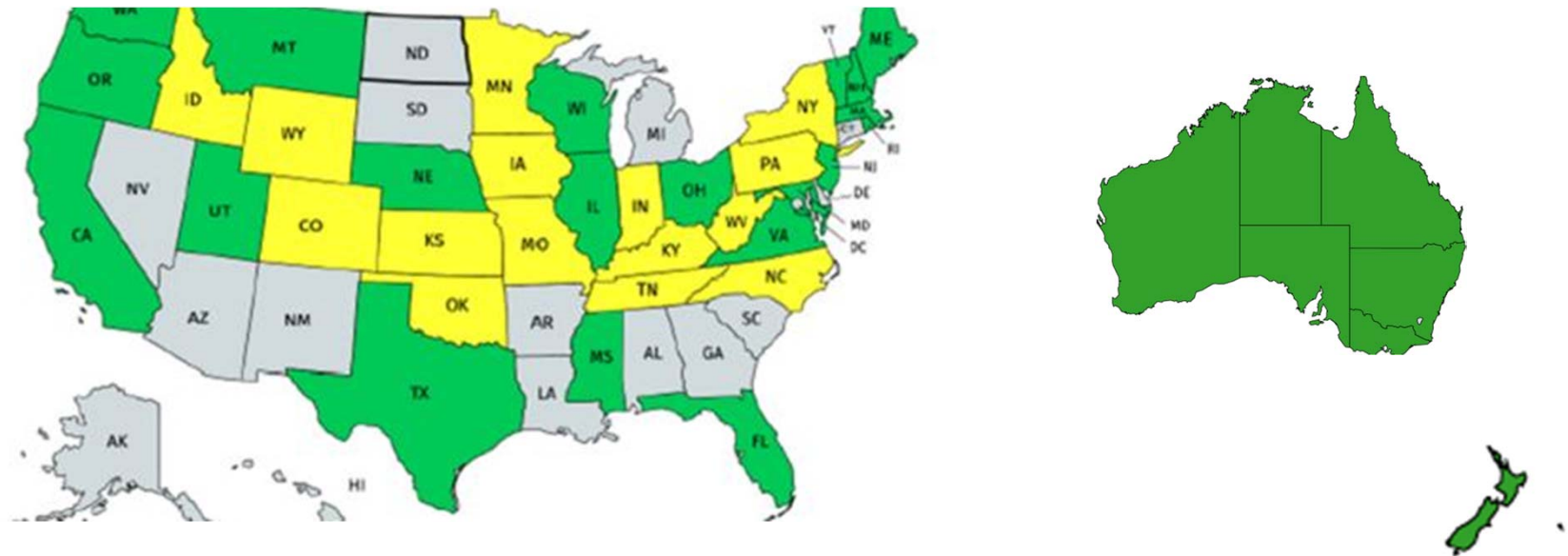


- Work begun in 2018.... Small group involved
- Created a model “contract” based on other state work
- Reviewed, supported by VT School Board Association*, Superintendents Association*
- Reviewed internally at Agency of Education--requires that use of the model policy is reviewed at local level by local counsel
- Initial model can be used by local districts to assist in structuring data collection parameters that are conducive to all...
- Nationally, companies are already familiar with this ... Privacy Pledge



Student Data Privacy Consortium

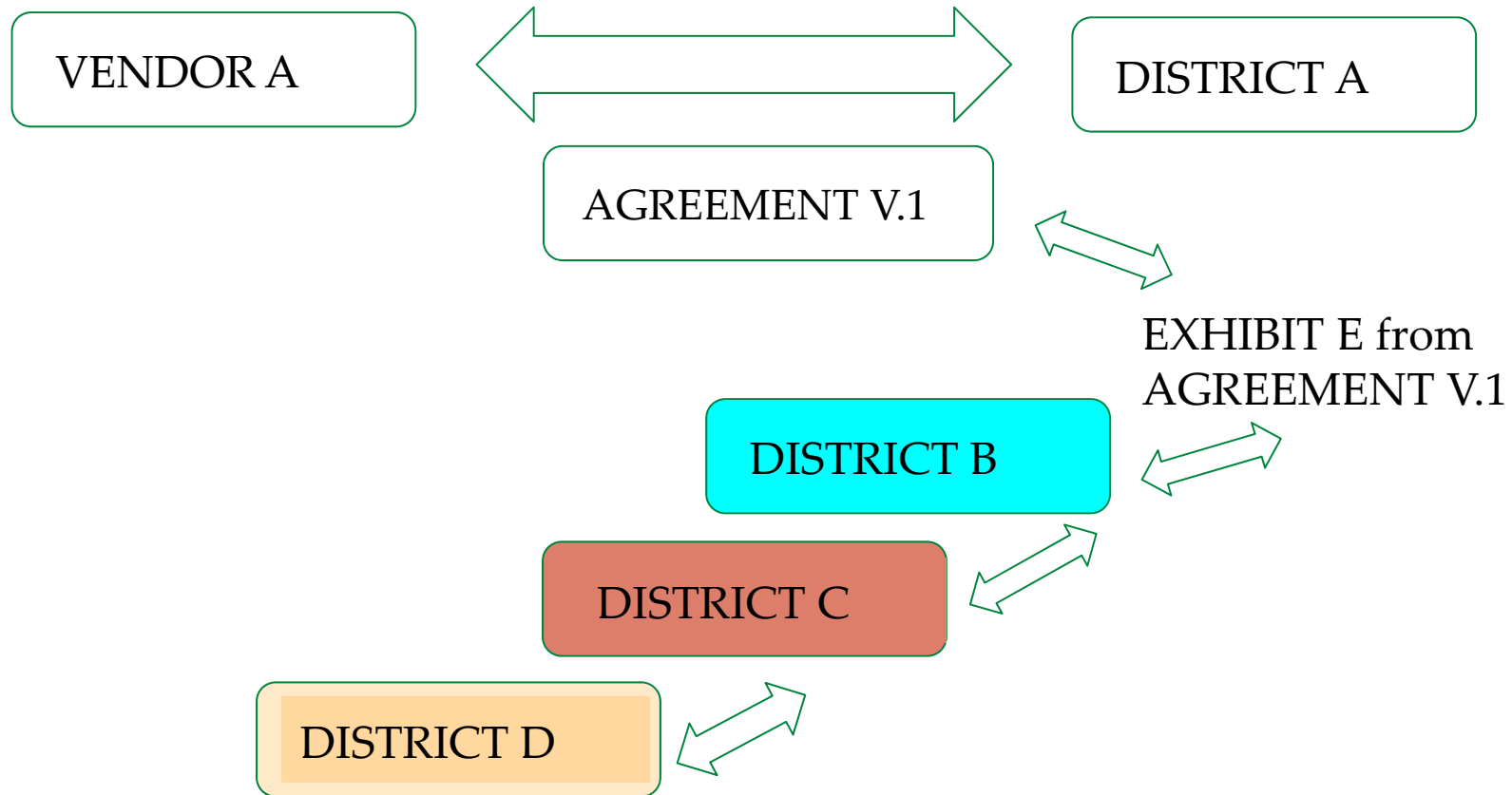
Alliances, Alliances,



SDPC State/Territory Alliances (Green) and in Process (Yellow)

Currently 30 million Students Impacted by over 1250 Applications!

How does it work?



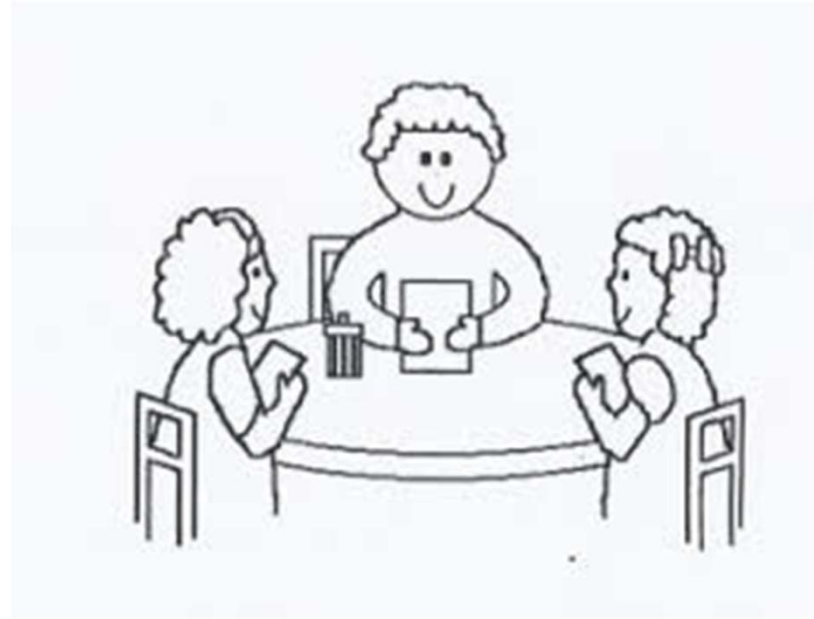
Our VT group-- our work so far

- 30 districts are “members”
- Master List-- A number of common apps
 - Goals- 10-15 high value apps/tools per year in the system
- Working to build understanding and common framing around policy for school districts
- VTSPA Agreements up for everyone in the State
- Encourage your Technology Director/Coordinator to get on board

Resources

- Parent Letter
- Vendor Letter
- On Boarding Guide
 - new website
- Almost 3000 apps and tools

- Let's take a brief tour....





- How do we balance a process for vetting while keeping educators engaged?
- IF we raise the flag on these issues-- how high?
- Balance is key-- in communication, in policy



Data Privacy in Vermont – S.110

- Data Privacy Bill as passed by Senate addresses student data privacy.
- “Operator” prohibitions:
 - “targeted advertising” based on information acquired through use of the operator’s site, service or application for PreK-12 school purposes
 - using information to amass a profile about a student
 - selling, bartering or renting student information
 - disclosing covered information (exceptions apply)



S.110 – Operator Duty #1:

maintain reasonable security procedures, designed to protect covered information from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification or disclosure

S.110 – Operator Duty #2:



delete, within a reasonable time period, a student covered information if the school district requests deletion of covered information

S. 110 – Operator Duty #2

publicly disclose and provide school with material information about the collection, use and disclosure of covered information, including publishing a term of service agreement, privacy policy, or similar document



QUESTIONS?

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Student Data Privacy

The Power of Visibility

Data analytics tools give you the visibility you need to transform data into **meaningful and actionable insights**.

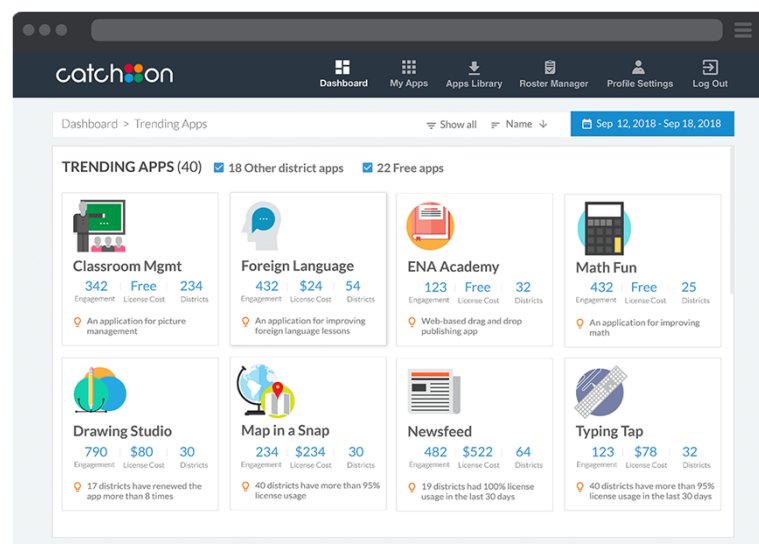
With **up-to-the-minute data analysis**, your district can make informed decisions about key components of EdTech integration, including:

- Digital Curriculum
- Professional Development
- Investment
- Student Data Privacy



What's Appening on Your Devices?

- Leveraging data analytics, district leaders can improve digital curriculum management in a variety of ways:
- **Evaluate** usage trends on all digital learning applications.
- **Review** important classroom apps to ensure they are being used effectively.
- **Explore** trending, high-performing tools across your district.
- **Validate** effective instructional practices.
- **Discover** free or previously unknown apps.



Monitoring App Security

It is imperative that district leaders remain **vigilant and mindful** of the learning tools being used by your classrooms.

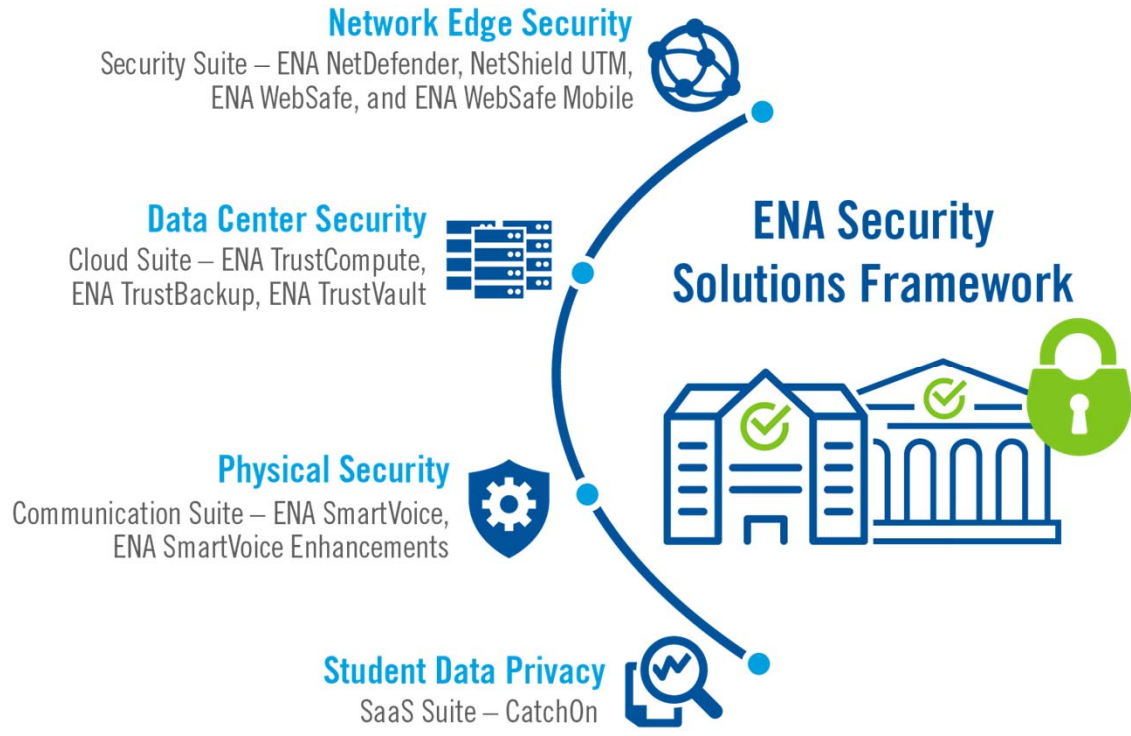
- Many developers use open source, standardized privacy policies.
 - Generic, piecemeal approaches to student data privacy policies can jeopardize your student data.
- According to the Washington Post, many apps targeted at kids fail to protect their data—often sending personally identifiable information (PII) to third-party advertisers.

Safeguarding Student Data Privacy

- **Monitor and track every online resource** being used in your classrooms—even those that haven't been purchased or approved by the district.
- Review all software applications access on your devices to verify that providers **prioritize student data privacy** and work to protect it.
- Maintain a list of vetted and approved apps that comply with standards defined in the **Children's Online Privacy Protection Act**.



ENA and CatchOn's Holistic Approach to Security



QUESTIONS?

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