Situational Awareness Report 29 July 2019

As of 3:00 p.m.

State EOC Activation Level: Level IV (Crisis Activation Team)

WebEOC Incident: 19-020 Cyber Event – Statewide – July 23

State Declaration Proclamation Number: 115 JBE 2019

SITUATION: On July 23 at 5 AM, the Information Security Team (IST) received a report from the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) that the Sabine Parish School District was the victim of a ransomware attack. IST responded to the incident by gathering additional details and discovered two additional school districts (City of Monroe in Ouachita and Morehouse Parish) affected by the same strand of ransomware.

After initial investigations, IST identified Sabine Parish to be the most significantly impacted of the three. A call was held with all State of Louisiana School Districts to assess any additional impact, increase awareness of the event, and provide guidance for improving posture in defending against these attacks.

The IST believes initial infection occurred by phishing emails containing malicious attachments. However, the IST will continue to diligently review any evidence that could indicate alternative points of entry.