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1. **For all staff:** EACS does not send out voice messages regarding two-hour delays, and ONLY sends out text messages to staff members who are also a parent with a child in the district. Staff will not receive text messages from School Messenger because EACS does not record staff cell numbers into RDS. The best way to check is on the EACS website, where a message box will automatically appear with the delay or cancellation. Staff members receive an automated email message of a school delay or cancellation. Staff members will also receive an automated phone call in the event of a school cancellation.

2. **For all Seesaw teachers, or those considering using Seesaw: Seesaw provides free teacher training.** Teachers may login with their Seesaw accounts, or create their own account for free. Teachers can learn the ins and outs of Seesaw in just 5 easy steps. The training could be live, via recorded video, or work through slides at your preferred pace. Please contact your Tech Coach if you have any questions.

3. **For all Skyward users: Feel free to join the Skyward Community.** The Skyward Community connects users to a worldwide network of Skyward Qmlativ users. You'll be able to connect with people from around the world, in districts large and small, who perform the same tasks as you. Join here or via the Help button in Skyward. When you go to the Community, you can register for upcoming webinars, free, from the home page. To sign up and access and notifications from the Community, click the "down arrow" in the top right corner next to your name/picture, then click on My Account. Then, go to "Subscriptions" and you should be able to designate how often you want to receive mailings from Skyward:

4. **For all Staff: More from the IDOE's Cybersecurity for Education Toolkit:**
Keeping Your Classroom Secure Online & Using Video: For dedicated teachers and staff, practicing good cyber hygiene is an important part of the school day and, especially so, when working from home or conducting class remotely. Here are important steps to keep in mind:
- Beware of email Phishing Scams: Even those that appear to be from trusted sources or from senders who ask you to provide sensitive information
- Secure Your Devices from Physical Attacks: Use Multi-Factor Authentication to provide a greater measure of protection when it is necessary to work from home
- Follow Your School's Cybersecurity Protocols: Work with your IT staff on system updates/Acceptable Use Policies

5. **Here is another Podcast to share: Have You Heard** is a podcast that joins together journalist Jennifer Berkshire and education historian Jack Schneider as they explore education policy and politics, one hot-button topic at a time. A special thanks to **Tim Barr** for this one! You may also subscribe to *Have You Heard* on Apple Podcasts, Stitcher, Spotify or anywhere else you listen to podcasts.