Targeting Educational Institutions

Recently, Federal Student Aid (FSA) has identifed multiple ransomware attacks against educational institutions. These attacks deny access to information technology systems and data unless an institution pays a ransom--if then. Ransomware can have a crippling efect on an institution's ability to operate until the attack is remediated.

Attackers use phishing scams to collect account credentials and then use those credentials to install ransomware across a network. Educational institutions have lost access to critical systems and data, dramatically impacting their operations.

Educational institutions are an attractive target for criminals because they have valuable information, inc` p א iing p]] sonal c m = נ a

1. Shut of networks and systems to limit spread.
2. Bring systems back online only after they are checked and cleared of infection.
3. Block IP addq s p ` d Ꞁ

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- OPEID (school code)
- Incident date (if known)
- Incident discovery date
- Technical details (if known)
- Extent of impact
- Remediation status
- Institution point(s) of contact