

Issues of Data Sharing Initiatives: Opportunities and Challenges for School Boards

Panelists:

Gina Coish, *Freedom of Information/Records Management Co-ordinator, Simcoe County District School Board*

Erica van Roosmalen, *Chief Research Officer/MISA Leader, Halton Catholic District School Board*

Andrew Harris, *Education Officer, Curriculum/Technology, Durham District School Board*

The panelists will bring the perspectives of three different roles to the opportunities and challenges related to data-sharing initiatives.

Suggested Audience:

- Directors
- Superintendents with Privacy and Access Responsibilities
- Information and Technology Managers
- Freedom of Information Managers
- MISA Leads
- Special Education/Records Staff
- Board Researchers and Analysts

Segments:

1. Gina Coish: Freedom of Information
2. Erica van Roosmalen: Privacy, Security, and Ethical Issues
3. Andrew Harris: Network Security, Workspace Processes, and Procedural Guidelines

Segment 1:

Gina Coish – Freedom of Information

(Length: 14 minutes)

Gina Coish provides an overview of the fundamental premises of access and privacy legislation, as well as the legal requirements related to access, use, disclosure, and retention of student personal information. She discusses the difference between notice and consent and how to determine which of the two is appropriate.

Look for the following:

- Legal requirements
- Education Act requirements
- Notice and consent issues

After viewing Segment 1:

- What current policies and procedures are in place for staff training on access, privacy, and information management processes at your board?

Segment 2:**Erica van Roosmalen – Privacy, Security, and Ethical Issues**

(Length: 12 minutes)

Erica van Roosmalen focuses on ethical issues involved in research and in mining and sharing data. She also discusses some of the challenges associated with having a data warehouse.

Look for the following:

- Specific ethical issues related to research and data warehousing

After viewing Segment 2:

- What policies and procedures are in place for mining, linking, and sharing student data at your board?

Segment 3:**Andrew Harris – Network Security, Workspace Processes and Procedural Guidelines**

(Length: 18 minutes)

Andrew Harris looks at three actionable starting points for boards faced with technology and privacy concerns: network security, workspace processes, and procedural guidelines.

Look for the following:

- Implications of technology
- Privacy is everyone's issue
- Care, custody, and control of data

After viewing Segment 3:

- What training procedures are in place for your organization?
- What are the decision-making processes for centralizing your organization's data?
- What are the next steps for ensuring that privacy is everyone's issue?