As you probably already know, two weeks ago our university suffered a serious cyber-attack which resulted **in** a data breach and the loss **of** important files **from** keyadministrative areas. Our IT department has discovered that the cyber-attack was the direct result **of** a student logging **into** our student services site using an infected device and passing **on** a particularly virulent, and hitherto unheard **of**, virus. As such, the board of directors feel, as do I, that perhaps we need **to** initiate an educational approach **to** cyber-safety here **in** our university.

A recent survey has shown that 86% of universities provide training **for** staff cyber **in** cyber-security but only 40% offer similar training **to** students with a paltry 8% insisting **on** this kind of program. There will be a meeting this Thursday **to** determine how this will be undertaken, or, if it is actually necessary.

Some **of** us, mainly those **from** the IT-department, feel that spending money **on** upgrading our cyber-security software and protocols is a more practical approach **to** this issue. Some have commented **in** the past that our online protection was just not up **to** par and it would appear that they have been vindicated **by** this attack.

The meeting will take place **in** the main board room **at** 16:30 this Thursday. I look forward **to** seeing you all there and receiving your input.