

June 25, 2024

TO: School District Administrators
FROM: Division of Fiscal Support
SUBJECT: Fraudulent Email Domain Alert

We have been alerted about a fraudulent email domain impersonating the Kern County Treasury Department. Please be aware of the spoofed domain “kerncountys.com” and do not open any emails from this sender.

Kern County Domain (Real/Verified)	Spoofed (Lookalike) Domain
kerncounty.com	kerncountys.com

This spoofed domain is likely being used for fraudulent activities. To mitigate the risk, please follow these recommendations:

1. **Verify Banking Changes:** Do not accept changes in banking instructions without first calling your company using a trusted contact number from a system of record.
2. **Review Processes:** Ensure your processes are adequate to detect lookalike domain Business Email Compromise attempts.
3. **Validate Payment Requests:** Carefully validate all payment requests, especially those with new or changed beneficiary information.
4. **Notify Relevant Departments:** Inform your ITS department and any other relevant departments within your organization (e.g., accounts payable, upper management) about this issue.

At this time, there are no known fraudulent transactions related to this spoofed domain. This notification is intended to inform you of the fictitious domain and to raise awareness of best practices to protect your business information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact BASS@kern.org.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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