

May is 'International Internal Audit Awareness' month. We recognize and celebrate the importance of auditors and their contributions to accountability and transparency worldwide during this period. Frequently, auditors are viewed as people you fear ... After all, they are the ones that find the flaws, mistakes & opportunities in your operations.

In Atlanta Public Schools, the Technology team has taken a different approach. We view our Internal Compliance team as partners and see their role as vital to our operations. They are allies in helping us secure our systems & data effectively and generally work with us to take a proactive stance towards IT security operations.

Over the last several years, we have worked with our internal auditors to improve several parts of our operations. These include cybersecurity, IT risk assessment, IT vulnerability management, IT 3rd party tools/systems, technology procurement, and Lawson ERP implementation – to name a few. We have found potential flaws in our processes through each of these audits and taken mitigation measures to address them as necessary.

So this month, please take the time to thank our internal auditors led by Connie Brown (Petrina Bloodworth, Charvae Young, Kirby Cuenca, Karen Campbell & others) for making APS a better & more transparent organization!

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