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Austin-area district pulls all school websites after hackers post obscenities

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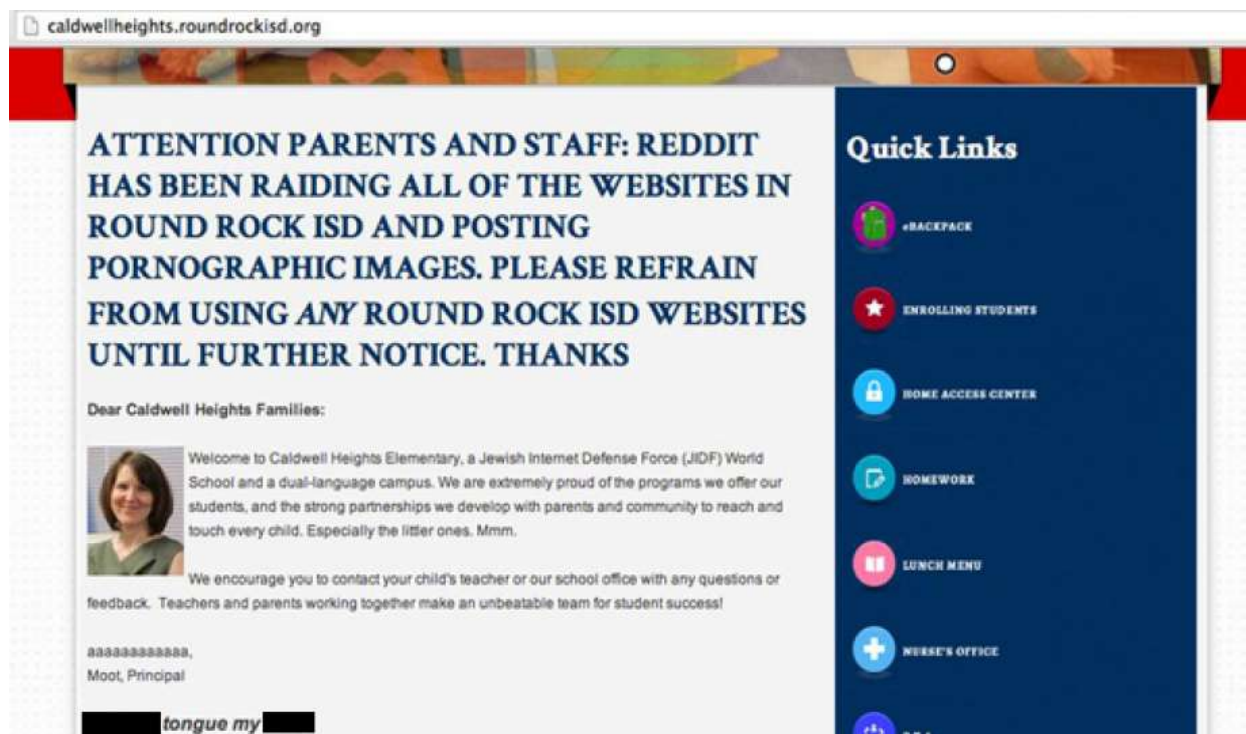


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Schools in the Round Rock Independent School District have had to pull down their websites after hackers got access to district servers.

The **entire website system** of an Austin-area school district is still down after it was hacked over the weekend and education materials replaced with obscene messages and racist threats.

A Round Rock Independent School District principal first reported the problem to officials late on Saturday after parents and students noticed the dramatic change in the site's content.

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Many of the pages can't be printed but one did name a



group "9gag" as being
behind the "raid" that came

from their "mother's basement."

A district spokeswoman said officials don't yet have any information about who did it or how.

One screenshot reported to have been **taken from a hacker forum** may provide some insight into how it happened. A post there reads, "hacked, idiots used default login/pass, u; admin, p; admin1"

If true, that will prove embarrassing.

"We have a third party managing the site (SharpSchool) and we have instructed them to take their time getting everything back up and running," said JoyLynn Occhiuzzi from the Round Rock ISD. "We want them to pull everything together and protect as

much information as possible about how this happened so we can make sure it doesn't happen again."

The ISD said that no student data was compromised but they are determined to press charges if they find out who did it.

They say they have had minor website security issues before but nothing to the point of "vulgar material like this."

"It's disappointing that someone would take the time to hack into our websites, but on a positive note it was late at night at the weekend. We are grateful it didn't happen during the day in a busy full time work week," said Occhiuzzi.

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