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Hello NIST Cyber Framework Team

I was just reviewing the 2.0 CSF and have a suggestion for your consideration.  While the two areas MODEL and DEMONSTRATE I am suggesting are likely well covered in the CSF 2.0 model in various areas  I think it would be great to depict these in the diagram of the CSF 2.0 as shown in the image below  or similar.  Modeling of expected/required security behaviors by organizational leadership (all levels) along with consistently emphasizing the importance of cybersecurity is even more central to cybersecurity than governance and risk assessment and mitigation.  All the planning and tools are great but they only work if they are utilized correctly.  Similarly  demonstration of aptitude in recognizing and handling cybersecurity risks through the requirement of periodic assessments of an organizations employees  cybersecurity knowledge commensurate with their level of access to organizational systems and information is an activity that is core to successful cybersecurity programs and merits an appearance in the core of CSF 2.0.

A third area you might consider including is CULTURE OF SECURITY .  This might be depicted as radiating from the CSF 2.0 sphere and is enabled not only by the CSF 2.0 model you have built but also through modelling and demonstrating security behaviors and aptitudes.
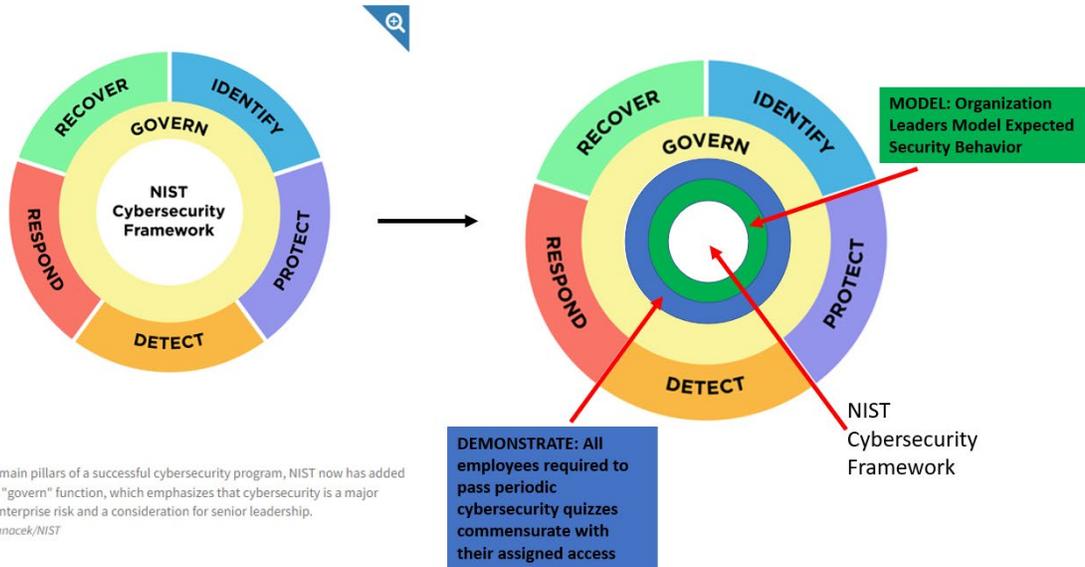


To the five main pillars of a successful cybersecurity program, NIST now has added a sixth, the "govern" function, which emphasizes that cybersecurity is a major source of enterprise risk and a consideration for senior leadership.
*Credit: N. Hanacek/NIST*

https://www.nist.gov/news-events/news/2023/08/nist-drafts-major-update-its-widely-used-cybersecurity-framework

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