

# Cybersecurity Controls Over Critical Systems

## Winston-Salem State University



## Information Systems Audit Report

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State Auditor  
Dave Boliek

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State of North Carolina*





## North Carolina Office of the State Auditor

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# Auditor's Transmittal

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The Honorable Josh Stein, Governor  
The Honorable Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore  
The Honorable Destin Hall, Speaker of the House  
Honorable Members of the North Carolina General Assembly  
Board of Trustees, Winston-Salem State University  
Bonita J. Brown, Chancellor

To all:

Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) has approximately 5,200 students and maintains various types of sensitive student records that may include personal information, academic records, medical records, and financial aid details.

In accordance with law, the North Carolina Office of the State Auditor conducted an Information Systems Audit, Cybersecurity Controls Over Critical Systems, on WSSU. The objective of the audit was to determine whether WSSU performed selected cybersecurity control activities in compliance with the University's standards and guidelines for information security. Our audit report discloses findings, as well as recommendations for WSSU to improve its information systems security.

To protect State interests and data, the findings and recommendations of this report are confidential. WSSU is not required to disclose security features of its electronic data processing systems, information technology systems, or telecommunications networks.

I appreciate the courtesy and cooperation received from management and the employees of WSSU as our office conducted this audit.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Boliek  
State Auditor