



April 18, 2023

Dear Parents:

We copied you on the email below informing you and your child of a breach of trust from a former employee of Kent School. The message may have been inadvertently addressed to you and conveyed that your computer, photos, and videos may have been accessed, which is not the case. The photos and videos that may have been accessed were on student and employee computers registered on the Kent School network. Our apologies for any confusion.

If you have any further questions or information regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact Associate Head of School Jeff Cataldo at cataldoj@kent-school.edu or 860-927-6046.

Sincerely,
Martin Voss
Director of Marketing & Communications

I write to inform you of a breach of trust at the School by a former employee.

On February 21, 2023, the School discovered that Daniel Clery, a staff member in the Technology Department, had accessed and retained photographs from another employee's School computer. The School immediately blocked Mr. Clery's access to the School network, and after an internal investigation, his employment at Kent School was terminated. The matter was reported to the Connecticut State Police.

The School promptly hired an independent firm, Vancord, to conduct a forensic analysis of Mr. Clery's School computer and use of our network. Vancord's analysis revealed that Mr. Clery had accessed and may have copied personal photographs and/or videos from your computer and that of 9 current students, 7 current employees, 4 former employees, and 59 recent alumni.

Vancord has not found any evidence that Mr. Clery accessed or copied information related to your identity, for example your Social Security number or banking information. Kent School is cooperating fully with the Connecticut State Police's investigation of this matter.

While we do not have any more information to share with you at this time, I will provide you with an update should I learn anything more about this matter. In the meantime, if you have any questions or information that may be valuable to the investigation, please feel free to reach out to Jeff Cataldo, Associate Head of School. Mr. Cataldo has been overseeing Vancord's investigation and can be reached at cataldoj@kent-school.edu or 860-927-6046.

I am very sorry that this happened. Our commitment to the safety of our community extends to

cyber security and data protection, and we are doing all that we can to resolve this matter and to prevent it from happening again.

Sincerely,
Michael G. Hirschfeld
Head of School

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