



Mississinewa Community Schools Families and Staff,

We have been notified that our student data software vendor PowerSchool has experienced a widespread cybersecurity data breach. Unfortunately, some of our Mississinewa Schools student and employee data was compromised as part of this breach.

PowerSchool serves thousands of school districts across the United States and Canada and many have been impacted. This unauthorized access was not unique to Mississinewa and could not have been prevented locally.

We take the security of our student and staff data very seriously and upon learning of the PowerSchool incident our Technology Department immediately began an internal investigation. We have been able to determine that the following data was compromised:

- Student directory information (for example- address, phone number)
- Student demographic information (for example- date of birth, grade in school, grade point average)
- Student medical alert information (for example- asthma, diabetes)
- Parent/guardian directory information (for example- address, phone)

No student or parent/guardian photographs, financial data, social security numbers, medical records, grades, or notes were compromised.

Some employee data was also included in the breach.

- Employees who have PowerSchool accounts (typically teachers and administrators) had directory information and the last four digits of their social security numbers compromised.

PowerSchool has informed us that they have taken action with the hackers to ensure the unauthorized data was deleted without any further replication or dissemination. They do not anticipate any of the data being shared or made public and are working with cybersecurity experts and law enforcement to ensure ongoing data safety.

We are also working with our Indiana agencies and the Department of Education to ensure ongoing safety of Mississinewa Schools data.

We anticipate PowerSchool will be providing impacted individuals with resources for additional information, which we will share as it becomes available.

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