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Important: PowerSchool Cybersecurity Incident

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Dear Haldane Parents and Students,

I am writing to inform you about a recent cybersecurity incident involving PowerSchool, the platform we use to manage student data. On January 7, PowerSchool notified us that an unauthorized party had gained access to certain student and staff information, impacting schools across the United States and internationally. Unfortunately, we recently confirmed that the Haldane Central School District is among the districts affected by this breach.

PowerSchool's investigation revealed that the breach occurred through a compromised employee login credential. Upon detecting the unauthorized access, PowerSchool promptly activated its cybersecurity response protocols, notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and engaged experts to evaluate and address the issue. The affected data includes demographic information such as student ID numbers, contact information, addresses, and dates of birth.

PowerSchool assured us that immediate actions were taken to secure the data. This included deactivating the compromised credentials and restricting access to the affected systems. Additionally, they confirmed that the accessed data has not been shared publicly and has been securely deleted. It is important to note that our PowerSchool Student Information System (SIS) is hosted off-site by PowerSchool, meaning no other Haldane district systems were compromised. The breach was limited to the PowerSchool SIS platform.

PowerSchool has committed to implementing measures to prevent future breaches and strengthen data security. However, given the large scale of the incident, PowerSchool has not provided a specific timeline for further updates. We will continue to share any new information as it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at dataprivacyofficer@haldaneschool.org. We will work with the PowerSchool Customer Support Team to provide answers to any inquiries.

Sincerely,

Carl L. Albano
Interim Superintendent of Schools

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