

# SAUK CENTRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE OF POSSIBLE DATA SECURITY BREACH

You are receiving this letter because you are either (1) a current student or Parent/Guardian of a current student or (2) a former student or Parent/Guardian of a former student, that is the subject of private and confidential data maintained by Sauk Centre Public Schools through PowerSchool software and service system. We are writing to share with you some important information regarding a recent cybersecurity incident involving personal information belonging to you or to a person to whom you are a parent or guardian. Sauk Centre Public Schools reasonably believes some of this private and confidential data may have been acquired by unauthorized persons.

On or around December 28, 2024, PowerSchool became aware of a cybersecurity incident involving unauthorized exportation of certain personal information from PowerSchool Student Information System (SIS). The types of information involved in this incident included one or more of the following pieces of personal information:

- Student Last, First, and Middle Name
- Student Parents' Name
- Student Date of Birth
- Address & Mailing Address
- Enrollment ID, Student ID, School ID, Lunch ID, Student Web ID
- Grade Level
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Home Phone Number
- Bus Route
- Emergency Contact and Phone Number
- Guardian Email
- School and District Entry Grade Level
- District Entry/Exit Date
- School Entry Date
- Application Submitted Date
- Enrollment Status
- Scheduled Year of Graduation
- Graduation Year
- Student Number
- District of Residence
- Lunch Status
- Membership Share
- Graduated School ID
- State Student Number
- Web Password and Student Web Password
- Doctor Name & Phone
- IP Address
- Exit Comment
- Graduated School Name
- Locker Number
- Social Security Number\*

The bulleted list above only includes categories of personal information. For a complete list of data that was accessed specific to you/your student, please contact Becki Marthaler at 320-351-0606 or [rebecca.marthaler@isd743.org](mailto:rebecca.marthaler@isd743.org) to request this information. \*If you/your student's social security number was accessed, you will be receiving a separate notification.

At this time, there does not appear to be an ongoing risk of further acquisition or release of private or confidential data by any other individuals.

Sauk Centre Public School is required by Minnesota Statutes §13.055, Subdivision 2(b), to investigate the possible acquisition of data by an unauthorized person and prepare a report that includes a description of the type of data that was accessed or acquired, the number of individuals whose data was improperly accessed or acquired, names of each employee determined to be responsible for any unauthorized access or acquisition, and the final disposition of any disciplinary action taken against each employee in response.

After Sauk Centre Public School's report is complete, if it is deemed by law as public data, you may obtain access to it by submitting a written request to Don Peschel, and providing a mail or email address for this purpose. Sauk Centre Public School will not release data to you that is classified as private, confidential, or is otherwise deemed not public data.

You may also be receiving a separate notification from PowerSchool regarding complimentary identification protection services that will be offered as part of the breach. Please carefully review this notification and do not throw it away without first reviewing it.

Sauk Centre Public Schools regrets this incident and any inconvenience it may cause. If you have further questions related to this incident, please contact Becki Marthaler.

Don Peschel, Superintendent  
Sauk Centre Public Schools