



**PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
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January 30, 2026

Dear Portland Public Schools Community:

Portland Public Schools (“PPS”) takes our responsibility to protect the privacy and security of the personal information entrusted to us very seriously. As you may know, on February 2, 2025, we experienced a network security incident that caused us to take down certain technology systems and immediately engage cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents to determine what happened and whether there was any impact on network data.

As a result of the investigation, it was determined that this incident was attributable to a cybersecurity attack. We have also learned that certain employee personal information was likely accessed and/or acquired by the bad actor. Although we do not have any reports of personal information misuse to date, we wanted to alert you that PPS will be issuing impacted community members a notification letter on January 30, 2026, outlining the incident and highlighting the appropriate steps you can take to protect your potentially impacted data.

We apologize for any concern this incident may cause you. Unfortunately, cyberattacks like this are increasingly common in our connected world. We are committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and will continue to take many precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our practices to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information. If you receive any outside or media inquiries, please direct them to the complimentary toll-free call center at 877-841-2527.

Sincerely,

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