



Whitepine Joint School District

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Superintendent: Joshua Hardy



Wednesday, January 9, 2025
Office of the Attorney General
Consumer Protection Division
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0010

Re: PowerSchool Cybersecurity Incident

Dear Office of the Attorney General:

I am writing to inform you that Whitepine Joint School District 288 has experienced a data breach involving personal information for students and teachers within our Student Information System (SIS). On Tuesday, January 7th, our IT department was notified by PowerSchool, our SIS provider, that an unauthorized party had gained access to certain SIS data systems through a compromised credential. PowerSchool informed us that our data had been accessed as part of this incident.

Upon reviewing the data access logs on Wednesday, January 8th, we confirmed that the unauthorized party did access information from two specific tables in our SIS: the **Student** table and the **Teacher** table. Additionally, we received a detailed briefing from PowerSchool's cybersecurity team, which confirmed that only these two tables were affected across all impacted districts globally. PowerSchool has since engaged the firms **CyberSteward** and **CrowdStrike** to investigate the breach and respond to the incident. This response included direct engagement with the unauthorized party to negotiate the destruction of the stolen data.

We will be informing our current employees and student families of the breach via email, text message, and app notifications. We will extend this notification to additional individuals whose contact information is stored in SIS.

Based on the information and guidance provided by PowerSchool, we believe that there is no ongoing threat or risk associated with this security incident at this time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you require any further details, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

William Stokes
Director of IT
Whitepine Joint School District 288