



Holy Name of Mary College School

Important Update Regarding PowerSchool Data Security

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Dear families and educators of the HNMCS community:

We are writing to inform you of a recent development related to the cybersecurity incident PowerSchool experienced in December 2024.

PowerSchool is aware that a threat actor has reached out to multiple school district customers in an attempt to extort them using data from the previously reported December 2024 incident. PowerSchool does not believe this is a new incident.

Please be assured that both PowerSchool and HNMCS are taking this situation very seriously. PowerSchool has informed us they are working with cybersecurity experts to thoroughly assess this development and have reported it to law enforcement in both Canada and the United States.

Please note that HNMCS does not store any Social Insurance Numbers, financial or banking information in PowerSchool, so that information was not affected in any way by the breach.

As a reminder, following that incident PowerSchool also offered and made widely available credit monitoring and identity protection services for a period of two years to students and faculty of HNMCS regardless of whether they were individually involved. We encourage all those who were offered these services to take advantage of them:

- For individuals in Canada:
<https://www.powerschool.com/security/sis-incident/notice-of-canada-data-breach/>
- For individuals in the U.S.:
<https://www.powerschool.com/security/sis-incident/notice-of-united-states-data-breach/>

As was reported earlier this year, PowerSchool made the decision to pay a ransom because they believed it to be in the best interest of their customers and the students and communities they serve. As is always the case with these situations, there was a risk that the bad actors

would not delete the data they stole, despite assurances and evidence that were provided to PowerSchool.

We wanted to share this update as part of our ongoing commitment to transparency. We remain committed to working closely with PowerSchool and law enforcement to provide support in any way we can.

Sincerely,

Andrew MacLeod
Director of Technology