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Making you aware of a possible data breach

1 message

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Tue, May 15, 2018 at 9:57 PM

To: LCSD1AllUsers <[REDACTED]>

Employees,

Dr. Little wanted you to know the following information as soon as possible so please forgive the late hour.

We are reaching out to you tonight to let you know that we believe there was an attempt to access staff and student data through PowerSchool.

As a precaution, our sign-in system will force you to reset your district password the next time you sign in.

This will enable us to protect you and your information while law enforcement and our Information Technology Office continue this investigation.

As the investigation continues and we learn more about this possible data breach, we will reach back out to you and bring you up to date.

Again, we are taking a very aggressive approach to this by asking you to change your district password as a precaution while we continue to work with law enforcement.

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**Helpful Hint**

In conflict or controversy, you can help our students and each other by staying calm and minimizing rumors and gossip.



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Employees — Important Data Breach Update

1 message

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Mon, May 21, 2018 at 3:45 PM

To: LCSD1AllUsers <[REDACTED]>

Bcc: [REDACTED]

May 21, 2018

Dear Lexington District One Employees:

We reached out to you a few days ago to let you know that we believed there was an attempt to access staff and student data through PowerSchool and encouraged you to change your PowerSchool password in order to protect yourself and your information, while Lexington County Sheriff's Department's Computer Crimes Task Force, other law enforcement agencies and our Information Technology Office continued to investigate.

At that time, we told you that we would reach back out to you and bring you up-to-date as soon as we could. Here's what we know.

On Monday, May 14, a Lexington District One employee notified the district's Information Technology Office about a suspicious PowerSchool account.

It appears that a 14-year-old student hacked into PowerSchool a few days earlier and potentially accessed staff information, teacher emails and Pelion High School student information such as name, address and social security number.

Although we do not yet know the extent to which the student did anything with the information he accessed, our preliminary investigation shows that only the information of Lexington District One employees and Pelion High School students such as name, address and social security number were targeted.

At this time, we suggest that you place a security freeze on your credit reports. Once you do that, no one can access your credit report without your permission.

How do you do that? The South Carolina Consumer Protection Code allows parents, guardians, and representatives to freeze a consumer's credit file for free. Here is information about [creating a securityfreeze](#) from the Department of Consumer Affairs.

You can also contact the Department of Consumer Affairs or visit their website online at www.consumer.sc.gov for more information.

Again, we are taking a very aggressive approach to this and encourage you to do the same by placing a security freeze on your credit reports as a precaution while we continue to work with law enforcement.

I would also like to thank our Information Technology Office for catching this breach early and allowing us to address this issue proactively and quickly.

Sincerely,

Dr. Greg Little
Superintendent

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Helpful Hint

The district's full legal name is Lexington County School District One.