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## Potential Data Breach

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Dear Region 19 and Mansfield Public Schools Communities,

Each Board of Education in Connecticut is required to notify staff and families when educational resources that are used within the district have a data breach. This letter is to inform you that the vendor, PowerSchool, which we utilize to host our student information system, notified us on January 7, 2025, that they had a cybersecurity data breach starting in late December 2024, which may have included Regional School District 19 and/or the Mansfield School District. This is not isolated to our Districts and affects a very large number of school districts locally, nationally, and internationally. PowerSchool is an international company that we contract with to host various School District data in the cloud.

PowerSchool assured us that the incident has been contained. Through their internal and separate third-party investigation working with CrowdStrike (a cybersecurity vendor), and their partnership with law enforcement (including the FBI), they identified the compromised data and do not anticipate it being shared or made public. PowerSchool also shared that they have video evidence that the information acquired through the breach has been deleted without being copied or disseminated.

Our School Districts do not store social security numbers nor financial information in PowerSchool. Demographic data such as student and staff names, dates of birth (students), phone numbers, and email addresses are examples of information that may have been accessed. Third-party programs that are connected to PowerSchool, such as our food services program, LINQ, were not impacted by this breach.

We take the privacy and security of our community members very seriously. If we learn of additional information regarding this situation, you will be promptly notified of the new details. Thank you for your understanding as we work to address this matter. If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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