



Park West School Division

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Topic: **PowerSchool Cybersecurity Incident**

On January 7, 2025, school divisions across Manitoba (and beyond) were notified by our common student information system provider, PowerSchool, that a cybersecurity event had occurred in late December and that some of our PowerSchool data was accessed.

PowerSchool, not individual school divisions, was the target of the cybersecurity event. PowerSchool customers across Canada and the United States have been impacted.

We are working with PowerSchool to ensure the integrity and stability of our data going forward. To this point, PowerSchool worked with cybersecurity experts to resolve the situation. PowerSchool has deactivated accounts, initiated enhanced processes for passwords and access, and PowerSchool has provided us with assurances that the accessed data has been deleted. Furthermore, PowerSchool has confidence that the data was not copied or uploaded elsewhere. That said, PowerSchool is actively engaged with cybersecurity professionals to continue to monitor this event.

We are all taking the necessary preliminary steps to respond to this situation. This includes involving the necessary professionals. No other school division systems or data was accessed or appears to have been compromised.

We are currently investigating the impact of this cybersecurity event. At this time, we believe that the data accessed included information about students and staff—particularly contact information and other information provided to the Division at the time the student was registered, and the staff commenced their employment. No banking information was accessed, and no images of students were accessed.

We are committed to ongoing communication and engagement with our community, and we will be sharing statements on our websites, social media, and by email.

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Superintendent