



# Meridian Public Schools

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Dear Meridian Community (Staff, Students and Parents)

We are writing to make you aware of a recent cybersecurity incident involving PowerSchool, a software vendor which provides our Student Information System (SIS). PowerSchool supports over 60 million students and has over 18,000 customers worldwide. This incident has affected schools across the country.

On Tuesday, January 7, 2025, PowerSchool informed our leadership team that they experienced a cybersecurity incident involving unauthorized access to certain PowerSchool SIS customer data. With the help of our ESU 5 tech staff and days of reviewing data, they have confirmed that the information belongs to families and educators of Meridian Public Schools.

PowerSchool informed us that the taken data primarily includes parent and student contact information with data elements such as name and address information. Across their customer base, they have determined that for a portion of individuals, some personally identifiable information (PII), such as social security numbers (SSN) and medical information, was impacted. They are working with urgency to complete their investigation and determine whether PII belonging to our students was included.

Protecting our students is something we take seriously. With PowerSchool's help, more information and resources (including credit monitoring or identity protection services if applicable) will be provided to you as it becomes available.

PowerSchool has received assurances from the source of the breach that the data has been deleted and no further copies exist. They believe the data will not be shared or made public and have confirmed its deletion through video evidence. PowerSchool is actively monitoring the dark web to ensure no further misuse of the data.

Although PowerSchool does not anticipate misuse of personal information, they are suggesting credit monitoring.

Further information will be provided from PowerSchool and/or Meridian Public Schools

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Randy Kort, Superintendent