



Maskwacis Education Schools Commission

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Dear Nihikomâwak/Ohpikinahawasiwahk (Parents/Caregivers),

We are writing to inform you of a recent data breach incident involving PowerSchool, a third party Student Information System platform used by Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC). On January 7th, PowerSchool informed MESC of a data breach affecting clients in North America and other parts of the world, which included MESC.

We recognize the critical importance of protecting personal information and want to assure you that we are taking this matter seriously. MESC has taken additional security measures to protect the system. Our Information Technology department has participated in information sessions with PowerSchool to determine the extent of the breach.

As of January 10, 2025, at 1:28 PM, MESC has identified the breach involving student data sets. The compromised information includes data related to current and former students stored in the PowerSchool Student Information System. After completing an internal audit and a subsequent data analysis, MESC has confirmed that the following demographic information **may** have been accessed:

- Student Names
- Student Band numbers
- Student Mailing Addresses
- Dates of Birth (students only)
- Student Home Phone Numbers
- Basic Medical Information (in some cases), such as details about asthma, diabetes, or allergies.

Please note: No financial information related to individuals in MESC was compromised.

PowerSchool has assured MESC that the incident is contained and they have strengthened their security measures to prevent future breaches. PowerSchool's operations remain unaffected, and service continues as usual.

We will update you as we receive more information from PowerSchool. At this time, no action is required on your part. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Ay hay, ekosi pitama,

Tracy Swampy-Sylvester
Superintendent, Maskwacis Education Schools Commission