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Dear School Leaders,

Like many of you, we were just informed that PowerSchool, a technology platform used to track grades, experienced a cybersecurity incident. What is key to note is that this data breach includes data from schools that no longer use this technology, which is why I am sending this alert to all schools.

On December 28, 2024, PowerSchool became aware of a potential cybersecurity incident involving unauthorized access to certain PowerSchool SIS customer data using a compromised credential. The data sets that were accessed included information such as name, addresses, and grades for current and former students, as well as names and information related to teachers.

PowerSchool has contained the incident and believes the data was deleted without any replication or dissemination. By law, they are required to alert all their customers and will be providing credit monitoring for affected adults and identity protection services for affected minors.

PowerSchool will be creating a communication toolkit for schools to use with their communities. This will include information for what schools, teachers and families should do in response to this. We are awaiting that information and will share it with you as soon as we receive it.

We'll continue to monitor this along with you and alert you to any relevant updates.

Faithfully,

Nicholas Ford
Superintendent for Catholic Schools