# Smithtown Central School District

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**Mark Secaur, Ed.D.**
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear **Smithtown Central School District** Family,

Consistent with our obligations under School District Policy 8635, the Smithtown Central School District is writing to advise you of a possible breach of data concerning your child. Specifically, the District was recently informed that on December 28, 2024, PowerSchool, the vendor that provides our student information system, became aware of a situation involving unauthorized exportation of certain personal information from PowerSchool Student Information System environments through one of its community-focused customer support portals, PowerSource. The types of information involved in this incident included: name, contact information, date of birth, limited medical alert information, and other related information. **Please note: while PowerSchool notifications may refer to Social Security numbers, Smithtown CSD does not store Social Security numbers in the PowerSchool system**. As soon as PowerSchool learned of the incident, it engaged cybersecurity response protocols and mobilized senior leadership and third-party cybersecurity experts to conduct a forensic investigation of the scope of the incident and to monitor for signs of information misuse. **PowerSchool has advised us that there is no evidence that any of the information was subject to actual or attempted misuse.**

We have been advised that PowerSchool is offering two years of complimentary identity protection services to students whose information was involved. For adult students, this offer will also include two years of complimentary credit monitoring services. If you are interested, please enroll by visiting the following website by **May 30, 2025** and follow the instructions for Option 1 if the current age of the individual is 18+ or Option 2 if the current age of the individual is under 18:

https://www.powerschool.com/security/sis-incident/notice-of-united-states-data-breach/

The District takes student privacy very seriously. Upon learning of this possible data compromise, the District notified the Chief Privacy Officer of the New York State Education Department immediately.

In the event you have any questions concerning this matter, please visit the School District's website at https://www.smithtown.k12.ny.us/powerschool-incident/, or contact the School District's email address for this issue at DataPrivacy-PowerSchool@smithtown.k12.ny.us. Additionally, you can also visit https://www.powerschool.com/security/sis-incident/ for up-to-date information on the incident provided by PowerSchool.

Sincerely,

Mark Secaur, Ed. D.

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