

Friday, Jan. 31, 2025

Dear Staff;

We are writing to provide another update on the cyber incident involving PowerSchool's Student Information System – the application used by Near North District School Board (NNDSB) and many school boards across North America to store certain student and staff information.

This incident has affected current and former students and staff. Please note that we will also be posting this notice on our website to notify NNDSB's former staff who may be affected.

What Happened

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025, PowerSchool informed NNDSB and other school boards throughout the province that it had experienced a cyber incident. Since then, we have been working with PowerSchool and internal and external experts to determine the precise information that was affected.

What Information Was Affected

We have concluded our analysis and can confirm that limited staff information was compromised as part of this incident.

This incident did not result in the compromise of financial information.

Any current or former employees of NNDSB who were employed at any time since Sept. 1, 2021, may have been affected. The information affected includes: employee identification number; first name; last name.

For a very small number of current or former employees of NNDSB who were employed at any time since Sept. 1, 2021, the information affected includes: middle name; home phone number; home address; city; preferred name.

We have also prepared an FAQ page regarding this incident, and we encourage you to visit the FAQ page [here](#). You can also find an FAQ from PowerSchool [here](#).

NNDSB has reported this incident to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (IPC), and the IPC has opened an investigation file. While you are entitled to file a complaint, the IPC has advised that it is not necessary as they are already investigating the matter. You can visit the [IPC's website here](#).

If you wish to have more information about this incident, we invite you to contact us at PowerSchoolbreach@nearnorthschools.ca. You will receive an autoreply with a link to a form to be filled out so that staff can begin processing requests for information. Please understand that those who contact NNDSB regarding this incident will need to verify their identity before we can release information about the specific impact of their information.

We appreciate your patience and understanding at this time and sincerely regret any concern this has caused you.

Sincerely,
Near North District School Board