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Dear West De Pere Students, Parents, and Staff,

On January 7, 2025 the School District of West De Pere was notified that PowerSchool suffered a data breach from an outside actor.

The information taken was primary contact information such as name and address of students and staff. In some cases social security numbers have been reportedly stolen in other schools and districts, as a matter of practice the School District of West De Pere does not collect social security numbers. Additionally, no financial information was compromised. While this was not a ransomware attack, PowerSchool did pay a ransom to ensure all breached data was deleted and not released.

PowerSchool has since enhanced the protections of student data and no other breaches have occurred. The School District of West De Pere Technology Department is working with PowerSchool to ensure student and staff data is secure.

This is an ongoing incident that continues to be under investigation. Therefore additional information and details may become available. In the meantime, information will be shared with you in a timely manner as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Jason Lau, PhD
Superintendent
School District of West De Pere

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