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Dear LCS Families,

We want to inform you about a cybersecurity incident involving our former Student Information System vendor, PowerSchool. A nationwide cybersecurity breach occurred on December 29, 2024. This incident involved unauthorized access to certain information through PowerSchool's community-focused customer support portal, PowerSource.

Because I was not the superintendent listed as the main contact for PowerSchool and Mrs. Wenck no longer maintains an LCS email account we were notified by the Regional Information Center early in February that Laurens Central School District was among those affected by this data breach. Although we no longer use PowerSchool directly (we currently use School Tool), the platform still stores historical data for staff and students dating back to 2006.

According to PowerSchool, the compromised data primarily includes parent and student contact information, such as names and addresses. Additionally, they have determined that for some individuals across their customer base, personally identifiable information (PII)—including Social Security numbers and medical information—may have been affected.

PowerSchool is offering two years of complimentary identity protection services to students and educators whose information was involved. For adult students and educators, this offer will also include two years of complimentary credit monitoring services. Please use this link to sign up for this service:

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

Protecting our students' information is a responsibility we take seriously. We are working closely with PowerSchool to ensure data security and to understand the next steps. We sincerely apologize for this situation and appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this matter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at bdorritie@laurenschools.org.

Sincerely,

Bill Dorritie

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