

CALHOUN R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: Parents and Guardians
FROM: Calhoun R-VIII Schools
SUBJECT: PowerSchool Cybersecurity Incident
DATE: 1/14/2025

Dear Calhoun R-VIII Families:

We are writing to make you aware of a recent cybersecurity incident involving PowerSchool, our software vendor that provides our Student Information System (SIS) used for attendance, scheduling, grades and houses all our students information. On Tuesday, January 7, 2025, PowerSchool informed our district that they experienced a cybersecurity incident on December 28, 2024, involving unauthorized access to certain PowerSchool SIS customer data. This system is not housed locally in our district and is hosted off site on their servers, so our district did not have a cybersecurity incident locally, it was on their end.

Unfortunately, they have confirmed that the information belongs to some district families and our staff and they are working with urgency to complete their investigation and determine whether information belonging to our students was included. PowerSchool informed us that the taken data primarily includes parent and student contact information with data elements such as name and address information. Across their customer base, they have determined that for a portion of individuals, some personally identifiable information (PII) was impacted.

Protecting our students is something we take seriously. With PowerSchool's help, more information and resources (including credit monitoring or identity protection services if applicable) will be provided to you as it becomes available through PowerSchool.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Calhoun R-VIII Schools