

Clay Community Schools



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Dear Clay Community Schools Students, Parents, and Staff,

We have been informed by PowerSchool, our student data management software vendor, of a significant cybersecurity breach that occurred on December 22, 2024. Upon notification of this incident, our Technology Department promptly initiated an internal review to assess the impact. Unfortunately, it has been confirmed that certain data belonging to our students and employees were compromised as part of this breach.

PowerSchool provides services to thousands of school districts across the United States, all of which were affected by this incident. It is important to note that this unauthorized access was not specific to Clay Community Schools and could not have been prevented at the local level.

The compromised data includes the following:

- **Student demographic information** (e.g., address, phone number, date of birth, grade level, grade point average)
- **Social Security numbers** of current students in grades 9-12 (Social Security numbers are not collected for K-8 students)
- **Parent/guardian directory information** (e.g., address, phone number)
- **Staff directory information** (e.g., date of birth, address, phone number)

PowerSchool has taken measures to address the situation, including working with the unauthorized party to ensure the compromised data has been deleted without replication or further dissemination. At this time, they do not anticipate the data being shared or made public. PowerSchool continues to collaborate with cybersecurity experts and law enforcement to strengthen data protection measures and prevent future incidents.

To mitigate the impact on affected individuals, PowerSchool has committed to providing identity theft protection services for minors and credit monitoring services for adults. Further details about these services will be shared with parents and staff as soon as they become available.

We understand the concern and distress this incident may cause and want to assure you that we remain committed to safeguarding the security and privacy of our community's information. Thank you for your understanding and support as we work through this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy Rayle".

Timothy Rayle
Superintendent