January 16, 2025



Dear parents and guardians / staff member,

## **Subject: PowerSchool Data Breach**

We are writing to inform you of a data breach that has affected YK1.

<u>A cybersecurity incident involving PowerSchool</u>, a Kindergarten to Grade 12 school software provider, has affected clients in Canada, the United States and other parts of the world, including the Northwest Territories.

On January 15 the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) for the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) confirmed that the breach affected several education bodies, YK1. No other GNWT systems were compromised.

The breach involved current and past student and staff information stored within the PowerSchool system, including:

- student names
- student mailing addresses
- student dates of birth
- student home phone numbers
- student medical information
- parental custody agreements
- parent/guardian names
- teacher names
- teacher phone numbers
- teacher email addresses

## No financial information related to individuals in YK1 was involved in this breach.

As soon as PowerSchool learned of the incident, they immediately engaged their cybersecurity response protocols. PowerSchool has implemented enhanced security measures and confirm that the breach has been contained.

We recognize that cybersecurity incidents such as this are concerning and assure you that we take this matter extremely seriously and are working closely with the Office of the Chief Information Officer with the Government of the Northwest Territories.

At this time, no action is required on your part.

More information about the breach is available on the PowerSchool website: https://www.powerschool.com/security/sis-incident/

If you have questions, please contact the Department of Education, Culture and Employment at educationoperations@gov.nt.ca.

As further information becomes available, we will share it with you.

Sincerely,

Shirley Zouboules, Superintendent YK1