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Dear Mustang Families,

We have been informed that our former Student Information System vendor, PowerSchool, was involved in a cybersecurity incident. The cybersecurity incident occurred on December 22, 2024, involving unauthorized access to certain information through one of their community-focused customer support portals. PowerSchool has since completed an investigation and has been notifying districts directly if their data was compromised. Unfortunately, we have just been alerted that Morris Central School is one of those districts. While we no longer use PowerSchool directly, the platform still houses historical data of students and staff.

PowerSchool has indicated that the types of information identified in the data breach may have included one or more of the following: the individual's name, contact information, date of birth, limited medical alert information, and Social Security Numbers (SSN). Thankfully, no one, except for two staff members, had social security numbers in PowerSchool. To provide further support, PowerSchool has partnered with Experian, a credit monitoring company. If your data is identified by PowerSchool as compromised, you may receive an email from Experian with further details.

PowerSchool is offering two years of complimentary identity protection services for **all current and former MCS students, parents/guardians of students, and staff,** which are available <u>here</u>. Additionally, Experian has created a toll-free call center for families and staff in case they have questions about these offerings: 1-833-918-9464.

Protecting student, parent/guardian, and staff information is a top priority at MCS. We will continue to work diligently with PowerSchool and the Data Security and Privacy Department at the South Central Regional Information Center to ensure data is protected. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Take care,

Jamie E. Maistros Superintendent