

May 19th 2026

Washington State Attorney General's Office
Consumer Protection Division
800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2000
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Notice of Data Breach – Five Acre School

Dear Sir or Madam,

Five Acre School is providing notice of a data security incident involving unauthorized disclosure of confidential records by a former employee immediately prior to the employee's termination.

On discovery of the incident, Five Acre School determined that approximately 160 files containing confidential information had been improperly shared and disclosed. The incident potentially impacts a total of 284 individuals, including 185 students.

The compromised information includes:

- Six (6) confidential student files; and
- At least three (3), and potentially up to sixteen (16), confidential teacher files.

Upon discovery, Five Acre School immediately revoked all file-sharing permissions associated with the disclosed materials and initiated containment measures. In addition, Google has been notified of the incident and has been requested to conduct a further internal investigation regarding the unauthorized sharing and access activity.

At this time, the school continues to assess the scope of the disclosure and review the contents of the affected files. Five Acre School is also evaluating whether additional notifications or remedial measures are necessary.

Five Acre School takes the privacy and security of student and employee information seriously and is committed to taking appropriate corrective actions to help prevent similar incidents in the future.

Please contact us if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

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RE: Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear Washington Residents,

Five Acre School is writing to inform you of a data security incident that may have involved your personal information. Pursuant to RCW 19.255, we are notifying Washington State Residents.

RCW 19.255 is a Washington State statute governing the notification obligations of businesses and organizations in the event of a data security breach involving personal information. It establishes how and when affected individuals, and in some cases the state Attorney General, must be informed of such breaches to protect consumers from identity theft and related harms.

During the required internal investigation, we recently discovered that, immediately prior to the termination of a former employee, approximately 160 confidential files were improperly shared without authorization. The incident potentially affected 284 individuals, including students and employees associated with Five Acre School.

The information involved may have included confidential student or personnel records. At this time, our investigation indicates that six (6) confidential student files and at least three (3), and potentially up to sixteen (16), confidential teacher files were disclosed. Data is composed of information from 2021-2026.

Upon discovery of the incident, Five Acre School immediately revoked all file-sharing permissions associated with the affected materials and took steps to secure our systems and records. We also notified Google and requested an internal investigation into the unauthorized sharing activity.

At this time, we have no evidence that the information has been misused. However, we encourage you to remain vigilant by reviewing account statements, monitoring credit reports, and reporting any suspicious activity.

We take the privacy and security of personal information seriously and regret any concern or inconvenience this incident may cause. We are reviewing our internal policies and security practices to help prevent similar incidents in the future.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact:

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