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VIA E-MAIL

Re: Notice of Data Event

Dear Sir or Madam:

We represent Evergreen Public Schools (“EPS”) located at 13501 NE 28th Street, Vancouver, WA 98668, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of some personal information relating to three-thousand, two-hundred and ninety-seven (3297) EPS employees. EPS reserves the right to supplement this notice with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission.

Nature of the Data Event

On September 24, 2020, a district-issued email account for an EPS employee, running Office 365, was found to have a security breach from an outside source that infiltrated the individual’s email account. The EPS Internet Technology (“IT”) department immediately launched an investigation and found evidence that the initial access may have occurred as early as September 14.

However, the investigation was unable to determine what, if any, emails and attachments in the account were viewed by the unauthorized user. The IT department undertook a comprehensive review of the contents of the email account to identify if there may have been personal information impacted as a result of this event. The district completed its investigation and confirmed that personal information (from individuals employed by the district as of January 2020) as defined by RCW 19.255.005 could have been subject to unauthorized access or acquisition including the following: Employee name and Social Security Number. There is no evidence this information was accessed by the unknown user.

Notice to EPS Employees

On October 7, 2020, EPS provided written notice of the incident to three-thousand, five-hundred and eighty-five (3585) employees and former employees of EPS. Written notice was provided in

substantially the same form as the letter attached here as *Exhibit A*. To date, EPS has not received any information that any EPS information was specifically accessed or acquired by the unknown actor.

Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

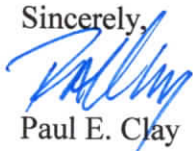
Upon discovering the event, EPS moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of the EPS email environment, and notify potentially affected individuals.

Additionally, EPS is providing individuals with the contact details for the national consumer reporting agencies, information on how to obtain a free credit report, a reminder to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring free credit reports, and encouragement to contact the Federal Trade Commission, their state Attorney General, and law enforcement to report attempted or actual identity theft and fraud.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact me at (509) 838-8330.

Sincerely,



Paul E. Clay

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Encl.

EXHIBIT A



Evergreen Public Schools

October 6, 2020

Dear Evergreen employees:

Evergreen School District #114 is providing you notification that you may have been affected by a data event where certain employee names and identifiable data (Social Security Numbers) were potentially disclosed. The investigation into this matter is ongoing and this notice may be supplemented in the future with any significant new facts.

NATURE OF THE DATA EVENT

On September 24, 2020, an Evergreen School District employee's district-issued email account running Office 365, was found to have a security breach from an outside source that infiltrated the individual's email account. Evergreen's IT department immediately launched an investigation, and found evidence that the initial access may have occurred as early as September 14.

However, the investigation was unable to determine what, if any, emails and attachments in the account were viewed by the unauthorized user. The IT department undertook a comprehensive review of the contents of the email account to identify if there may have been personal information impacted as a result of this event. The district completed its investigation and confirmed that personal information (from individuals employed by the district as of January 2020) as defined by Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 19.255.005 could have been subject to unauthorized access or acquisition including the following: Employee name and Social Security Number. There is no evidence this information was accessed by the unknown user.

OTHER STEPS TAKEN AND TO BE TAKEN

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HOW TO MONITOR ACCOUNTS

In general, we encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity. Under U.S. law you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three major credit bureaus directly to request a free copy of your credit report.

The major credit reporting agencies are listed below:

Experian

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion

P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
1-888-909-8872
www.transunion.com

Equifax

P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-800-685-1111
www.equifax.com

Sincerely,



Mike Merlino, Superintendent