

Washington Township Public Schools



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Dear WTPS Community,

I want to provide you with an important update regarding a recent cybersecurity incident involving PowerSchool, the education technology provider previously used to manage student records in our district through the 2023–2024 school year. This incident impacted multiple school districts nationwide; however, I want to reassure you that our current student information system, Genesis, has not been compromised in any way.

On December 28, 2024, PowerSchool discovered that an unauthorized individual had gained access to their systems, potentially viewing data from multiple school districts' Student Information Systems (SIS), including, but not limited to, grades, attendance, and names.

PowerSchool has confirmed that the issue is contained and has taken immediate steps to secure its systems. They have deactivated the compromised credential, conducted a full password reset, and tightened access to prevent further unauthorized activity. The company has also confirmed that there is no evidence of malware, and no continued unauthorized activity has been detected. PowerSchool has assured us that the compromised data is not expected to be shared publicly, and they believe it has been deleted without any further replication or dissemination.

PowerSchool has engaged cybersecurity experts and law enforcement to address the situation. While PowerSchool is no longer our student information provider, we remain committed to keeping our community informed and reassured. If additional information becomes available, we will provide updates as necessary.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric M. Hibbs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "E" and "H".

Dr. Eric M. Hibbs
Superintendent

