

To Enroll, Please Call:
1-800-939-4170
Or Visit:
https://app.idx.us/accountcreation/protect
Enrollment Code:
<<XXXXXXXXX>>

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>> <<Address1>> <<Address2>> <<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>>

May 3, 2023

Subject: Notice of Data << Variable Text 1: Breach or Security Incident>>

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident experienced by Delano Union School District ("DUSD") that may have affected your personal information. DUSD takes the privacy and security of all personal information within its possession very seriously. Please read this letter carefully as it contains information regarding the incident and steps that you can take to help protect your personal information.

What Happened? On November 7, 2021, DUSD detected unusual activity within its digital environment. Upon discovering this activity, we took immediate steps to secure our environment and launched an internal investigation. We also engaged cybersecurity experts to secure the environment and conduct an investigation to determine whether any personal information may have been impacted. In the course of investigation, we determined that certain files stored on the DUSD network may have been accessed or acquired by an unknown actor as a result of this incident. DUSD then engaged a vendor to review the contents of the relevant files likely to contain sensitive data. Upon conclusion of that review, it was revealed that certain personal information may have been involved in this incident. DUSD thereafter undertook a review of the potentially affected information and worked diligently to identify current address information required to effectuate notification. That process was completed on April 5, 2023, after which DUSD worked quickly to notify you of this incident.

Please note that DUSD is not aware of the misuse of any information potentially affected in connection with this incident. *Nevertheless, DUSD is notifying potentially affected individuals out of an abundance of caution.* 

What Information Was Involved? The information potentially impacted in connection with this incident included your name and Social Security number.

What Are We Doing? As soon as DUSD learned of this incident, DUSD promptly took the steps discussed above. In addition, DUSD implemented additional security measures to further harden its network environment in an effort to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future. DUSD also worked to ensure that notification of the incident was provided to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and will provide whatever cooperation is necessary to hold the perpetrator(s) of the incident accountable.

Although DUSD has no evidence of the misuse of any potentially impacted information, DUSD is providing you with information about steps that you can take to help protect your personal information and is offering you complimentary identity protection services through IDX, a data breach and recovery services expert. These services include credit and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To receive credit monitoring services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.

dark web monitoring, a \$1 million identity fraud loss reimbursement policy, and fully managed identity theft recovery services.

The deadline to enroll in these services is August 3, 2023. With this protection, IDX will help to resolve issues if your identity is compromised.

**What You Can Do:** You can follow the recommendations on the following page to help protect your personal information. DUSD also encourages you to enroll in the complementary services being offered to you through IDX by using the enrollment code provided above.

**For More Information:** Further information about how to protect your personal information appears on the following page. If you have questions or need assistance, please call IDX at 1-800-939-4170 from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Central Time, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). IDX call center representatives can answer any questions that you may have regarding the services being provided to you.

Please accept our sincere apologies and know that DUSD takes this matter very seriously and deeply regrets any worry or inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely,

Delano Union School District

## STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity: As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You also should promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, your state attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Copy of Credit Report: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting <a href="http://www.annualcreditreport.com/">http://www.annualcreditreport.com/</a>, calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You also can contact one of the following three national credit reporting agencies:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
P.O. Box 105851	P.O. Box 9532	P.O. Box 1000
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016
1-800-525-6285	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com

**Fraud Alert:** You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least one year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three credit reporting agencies identified above. Additional information is available at <a href="http://www.annualcreditreport.com">http://www.annualcreditreport.com</a>.

Security Freeze: You have the right to put a security freeze on your credit file for up to one year at no cost. This will prevent new credit from being opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit report without your consent. As a result, using a security freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to obtain credit. You must separately place a security freeze on your credit file with each credit reporting agency. In order to place a security freeze, you may be required to provide the consumer reporting agency with information that identifies you including your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, current and previous addresses, a copy of your state-issued identification card, and a recent utility bill, bank statement or insurance statement.

**Additional Free Resources:** You can obtain information from the consumer reporting agencies, the FTC, or from your respective state Attorney General about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft. You may report suspected identity theft to local law enforcement, including to the FTC or to the Attorney General in your state.

Federal Trade Commission	Maryland Attorney General	New York Attorney General
600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW	200 St. Paul Place	Bureau of Internet and Technology
Washington, DC 20580	Baltimore, MD 21202	Resources
consumer.ftc.gov, and	oag.state.md.us	28 Liberty Street
www.ftc.gov/idtheft	1-888-743-0023	New York, NY 10005
1-877-438-4338		1-212-416-8433
North Carolina Attorney General	Rhode Island Attorney General	Washington D.C. Attorney General
9001 Mail Service Center	150 South Main Street	441 4th Street, NW
Raleigh, NC 27699	Providence, RI 02903	Washington, DC 20001
ncdoj.gov	http://www.riag.ri.gov	oag.dc.gov
1-877-566-7226	1-401-274-4400	1-202-727-3400

You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA): These rights include to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; as well as other rights. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCRA, please visit <a href="https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf">https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf</a>.