



SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

PowerSchool Cyber Security Breach

Dear Santee School District Team,

We were made aware earlier this week that our Student Information System vendor, PowerSchool, was hacked over the holidays. We were informed yesterday that Santee School District was impacted by this data breach and that some student and staff data from our district, and many other districts, was downloaded by an unauthorized user. PowerSchool took action to contain this event and prevent the hackers from using the data. Fortunately, Santee School District does NOT collect or maintain social security numbers, so this information is not in PowerSchool.

As a long-time PowerSchool customer, this is the first time in over 20 years with PowerSchool that we've experienced this type of security failure. We trust in their company to continue investigating this recent incident and put measures in place to ensure this type of data hack does not occur again.

PowerSchool is working diligently to provide resources for our families and staff, including credit monitoring and identity protection services. We will share this information with you all as soon as we receive the information from PowerSchool. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact the District's Technology Help Desk at 619-258-2240.

Sincerely,
Jerry Guzman
Director of Information Technology