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**VIA E-MAIL**

Brian Frosh, Attorney General  
Maryland Attorney General's Office  
Attn: Security Breach Notification  
200 St. Paul Place  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
E-Mail: ldtheft@oag.state.md.us

Re: Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General Frosh:

We represent Haywood County Schools ("HCS"), a school district serving Haywood County, North Carolina. This letter is being sent because the personal information of one Maryland resident may have been affected by a recent data security incident experienced by HCS. The incident may have involved unauthorized access to one resident's name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, and student identification number.

On August 24, 2020, HCS detected a data security incident that disrupted access to certain systems. Upon discovering this, HCS immediately initiated an investigation and took steps to secure its network. HCS also issued a press release to notify the school community of the incident as quickly as possible. The investigation involved the assistance of cybersecurity experts to determine whether sensitive information may have been accessed during the incident. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, and National Guard were also notified. As result of this investigation, HCS learned that personal information may have been accessed during the incident between approximately August 21 and 24, 2020. On or about November 20, 2020, HCS identified that personal information belonging to one Maryland resident may have been affected. HCS then worked diligently to provide notification as quickly as possible.

HCS notified one (1) potentially affected Maryland resident of this incident via the attached sample letter, or a substantially similar version, on January 5, 2021. In so doing, HCS offered complimentary identity monitoring and identity theft restoration services through IDX, a global leader in risk mitigation and response. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

***/s/ Robert Slaughter***

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Encl: Sample Consumer Notification Letter