January 8, 2025

On Tuesday, January 7, 2025, the Reedsville School District was notified of a data breach with PowerSchool, our Student Information System. Below is a summary of information regarding the cyber incident and the impact it has on the school district.

- In late December an unauthorized entity stole credentials to access PowerSchool Community which is a support hub for PowerSchool.

- PowerSchool technicians discovered the breach and disabled that account immediately and forced password changes for all of their employees.

  In their investigation they were able to determine that the unauthorized entity had downloaded student data and teacher data. **Our collected and entered data does NOT contain social security numbers, bank account numbers, or any financial information. PowerSchool does not have access to financial data that may be entered using RevTrak (lunch/breakfast deposits or fees paid to the district) or Skyward (district financial system).

- PowerSchool involved the FBI, Cybersecurity experts, and a remediation/containment team that inevitably paid a ransom in return for video evidence that all files were deleted and digitally shredded.

- The district viewed a webinar on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 to obtain information to send out to staff and students. Please note that this is an ongoing investigation but appears to be contained at this time.

We continue to work with PowerSchool & security experts to verify any and all sensitive data is secure. We will continue to monitor updates from PowerSchool and keep those affected by the data breach updated.

As always, continue to be vigilant in any online activities. If you notice discrepancies with your PowerSchool, RevTrak, or Skyward accounts, please contact the school district.

Here is the link from PowerSchool regarding the cyber incident.