



**BERLIN BROTHERSVALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Mr. Thomas Podpora  
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***"Educational Excellence, Community Engagement, Lifelong Success"***

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January 10, 2025

Dear Staff, Parents and Guardians:

On or about Tuesday, January 7, 2025, PowerSchool notified the District they experienced a cybersecurity incident across North American schools between December 19th and December 28th, 2024.

The cybersecurity incident happened to a third-party vendor for the district, being PowerSchool, a widely-used application for managing student and staff information in school districts throughout the United States, including our district. This vendor is working with a nationally recognized forensic and cybersecurity firm to address this matter accordingly. As additional information is gathered and presented to the district, we will continue to inform students and staff regarding this incident.

We call for and appreciate the community's patience as this matter continues to be investigated and monitored. In the coming days, PowerSchool will be providing the district with a communications package to support the district in engaging with families, teachers, and other stakeholders about this incident.

Thank you,

Thomas A. Podpora  
Superintendent of Schools  
Berlin Brothersvalley School District