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September 27, 2022

Via Email: Idtheft@oag.state.md.us
Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Security Breach Notification
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: West Babylon Union Free School District – Data Incident
Our File No. 41105-00132

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are writing to notify you of a data security incident involving 7 Maryland residents. We are submitting this notice on behalf of our client, West Babylon Union Free School District.

Nature Of The Security Breach

West Babylon UFSD is a school district located in West Babylon, New York. On or about July 25, 2022, West Babylon UFSD was the victim of a ransomware attack. During West Babylon UFSD's investigation of this incident, it discovered on August 24, 2022 that the attacker removed a limited number of files from its system, which included some staff and students records. As a result, some of the personal information belonging to Maryland residents may have been exposed to others. For staff members, this information included their names, addresses and state ID numbers. For students, the information included their names, guardian contact information, and their English as a New Language designation. West Babylon UFSD's servers and systems have been rebuilt and restored and are secure.

The residents involved in this incident were forwarded letters notifying them of this incident on September 26, 2022. A copy of the form letter is attached hereto.

Steps Being Taken Relating To The Incident

Upon discovering this incident, West Babylon UFSD took steps to address this incident immediately after it was discovered, including retaining third-party forensic and IT experts to conduct an investigation and restore its systems. West Babylon UFSD has also reviewed its internal data management and protocols and has implemented enhanced security measures to help prevent this type of incident from recurring.

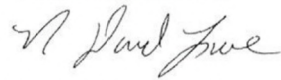
West Babylon UFSD has also arranged to protect the individuals affected by this incident by providing identity monitoring services for 12 months at no cost to the individuals.

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Should you need additional information regarding this matter, kindly contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. David Lane, Jr.", written in dark ink.

R. David Lane, Jr.

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Enclosure



P.O Box 989728
West Sacramento, CA 95798-9728

To Enroll, Please Call:

1-833-764-2918

Or Visit:

<https://response.idx.us/west-babylon-ufsd>

Enrollment Code: <<Enrollment Code>>

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>> <<Suffix>>

<<Address1>>

<<Address2>>

<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zipcode>>

September 26, 2022

Notice of Data Breach

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

As you know, all aspects of safety and security are of utmost importance in our school district. On August 1st, I shared with you that our district experienced a cyber incident. Unfortunately, we are writing to inform you that this cyber incident may have involved some of your personal information. This notice describes the incident, the measures we have taken, and some steps you can take in response, including an offer for a complimentary <<one-year/two-year>> membership in IDX credit monitoring.

What Happened

On July 25, 2022, West Babylon UFSD had a difficult time logging into our systems. We later found out that we were the victim of a ransomware attack. As a result, parts of our system were encrypted. Due to available backups and security systems that we had in place, we have restored and rebuilt our servers and systems. On or about August 24, 2022, West Babylon UFSD became aware that some files were accessed from our system. The compromised employee file included employee contact information and state ID number. We have no evidence that any additional personal information has been exposed.

What Information Was Involved

We are providing you this notification in an abundance of caution in case someone actually viewed or had access to your personal information, which would have included your full name and state ID number.

What We Are Doing

We took steps to address this incident promptly after it was discovered, including retaining third-party forensic and IT experts to conduct an investigation and restore our systems. We have rebuilt and secured our system. We have also reviewed our internal data management and protocols and have implemented enhanced security measures to help prevent this type of incident from recurring.

In addition, we are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, the data breach and recovery services expert. IDX identity protection services include: <<12/24>> months of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed id theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised.

What You Can Do

We encourage you to contact IDX with any questions and to enroll in the free identity protection services by calling 1-833-764-2918 or going to <https://response.idx.us/west-babylon-ufsd> and using the Enrollment Code provided above. IDX representatives are available Monday through Friday from 9 am - 9 pm Eastern Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is December 26, 2022.

Again, at this time, there is no evidence that your information has been misused. However, we encourage you to take full advantage of this service offering. IDX representatives have been fully versed on the incident and can answer questions or concerns you may have regarding protection of your personal information.

For More Information

You will find detailed instructions for enrollment on the enclosed Recommended Steps document. Also, you will need to reference the enrollment code at the top of this letter when calling or enrolling online, so please do not discard this letter.

We apologize for any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause. Please call 1-833-764-2918 or go to <https://response.idx.us/west-babylon-ufsd> for assistance or for any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly
Superintendent of Schools
WEST BABYLON UFSD

(Enclosure)



Recommended Steps to Help Protect Your Information

1. Website and Enrollment. Go to <https://response.idx.us/west-babylon-ufsd> and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter.

2. Activate the credit monitoring provided as part of your IDX identity protection membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.

3. Telephone. Contact IDX at 1-833-764-2918 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

4. Review your credit reports. We recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing account statements and monitoring credit reports. Under federal law, you also are entitled every 12 months to one free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting companies. To obtain a free annual credit report, go to www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228. You may wish to stagger your requests so that you receive a free report by one of the three credit bureaus every four months.

If you discover any suspicious items and have enrolled in IDX identity protection, notify them immediately by calling or by logging into the IDX website and filing a request for help.

If you file a request for help or report suspicious activity, you will be contacted by a member of our ID Care team who will help you determine the cause of the suspicious items. In the unlikely event that you fall victim to identity theft as a consequence of this incident, you will be assigned an ID Care Specialist who will work on your behalf to identify, stop and reverse the damage quickly.

You should also know that you have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some kind of proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

5. Place Fraud Alerts with the three credit bureaus. If you choose to place a fraud alert, we recommend you do this after activating your credit monitoring. You can place a fraud alert at one of the three major credit bureaus by phone and also via Experian's or Equifax's website. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. The contact information for all three bureaus is as follows:

Credit Bureaus

Equifax Fraud Reporting
1-866-349-5191
P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
www.equifax.com

Experian Fraud Reporting
1-888-397-3742
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
www.experian.com

TransUnion Fraud Reporting
1-800-680-7289
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19022-2000
www.transunion.com

It is necessary to contact only ONE of these bureaus and use only ONE of these methods. As soon as one of the three bureaus confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place alerts on their records as well. You will receive confirmation letters in the mail and will then be able to order all three credit reports, free of charge, for your review. An initial fraud alert will last for one year.

Please Note: No one is allowed to place a fraud alert on your credit report except you.

6. Security Freeze. By placing a security freeze, someone who fraudulently acquires your personal identifying information will not be able to use that information to open new accounts or borrow money in your name. You will need to contact the three national credit reporting bureaus listed above to place the freeze. Keep in mind that when you place the freeze, you will not be able to borrow money, obtain instant credit, or get a new credit card until you temporarily lift or permanently remove the freeze. There is no cost to freeze or unfreeze your credit files.

7. You can obtain additional information about the steps you can take to avoid identity theft from the following agencies. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them.

California Residents: Visit the California Office of Privacy Protection (www.oag.ca.gov/privacy) for additional information on protection against identity theft. Office of the Attorney General of California, 1300 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Telephone: 1-800-952-5225.

Kentucky Residents: Office of the Attorney General of Kentucky, 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, www.ag.ky.gov, Telephone: 1-502-696-5300.

Maryland Residents: Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202, www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer, Telephone: 1-888-743-0023.

New Mexico Residents: You have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from a violator. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. You can review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

New York Residents: the Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; <https://ag.ny.gov/>.

North Carolina Residents: Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, www.ncdoj.gov, Telephone: 1-919-716-6400.

Oregon Residents: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, www.doj.state.or.us/, Telephone: 1-877-877-9392.

Rhode Island Residents: Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, www.riag.ri.gov, Telephone: 1-401-274-4400.

All US Residents: Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580, <https://consumer.ftc.gov>, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), TTY: 1-866-653-4261.