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Via Electronic Mail: Idtheft@oag.state.md.us

Attorney General Brian Frosh
Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Security Incident Notification
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Client : Collegium Charter School
Matter : Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General Frosh:

My firm represents Collegium Charter School (“CCS”) with respect to a potential data security incident described in more detail below. CCS takes the security and privacy of the information in its control seriously, and has taken steps to prevent a similar incident from occurring in the future.

This letter will serve to inform you of the nature of the security breach, the number of Maryland residents that were potentially affected, what information has been compromised, and the steps that CCS is taking to secure the integrity of its systems. We have also enclosed hereto samples of the notifications made to the potentially impacted individuals, which includes an offer of free credit monitoring.

1. Nature of the Security Incident

CCS is a non-profit corporation providing tuition-free, independent K-12 education.

On the morning of January 13, 2023, CCS’ IT found that some its servers were not functioning. Upon inspection, CCS found encryption and a ransom note on its mail file server. Upon detection, CCS immediately took steps to secure its network and engaged a specialized third-party forensic incident response firm to assist with securing and restoring the network environment and determining the extent of the compromise.

The comprehensive investigation revealed that the following information for current and former employees could have been accessed by an unauthorized third party: first name, last name, and Social Security number. All potentially impacted individuals were notified on May 24, 2023.

As of this writing, CCS is unaware of any misuse of personal information.

2. Maryland Residents Notified

Three (3) Maryland residents were potentially affected by this security incident. Notification letters were mailed to the potentially impacted individuals on May 24, 2023, by first class mail. A sample copy of the notification letter is included with this letter.

3. Steps Taken

Although CCS is not aware of any evidence of misuse of personal information, CCS has extended to the potentially impacted individual an offer for free credit monitoring and identity theft protection through Sontiq. This service will include 12 months of credit monitoring, along with a fully managed identity theft recovery service, should the need arise. CCS has changed passwords, strengthened password requirements, and implemented multi-factor authentication.

4. Contact Information

CCS remains dedicated to protecting the sensitive information in its control. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Erica.Lloyd@LewisBrisbois.com or 601.499.8127.

Very truly yours,

Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erica J. Lloyd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erica" and last name "Lloyd" clearly distinguishable.

Erica J. Lloyd, Esq.

Enclosures: *Sample Notification Letter*

Collegium Charter School
c/o Cyberscout
1 Keystone Ave., Unit 700
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
DB-07378 1-1



Via First-Class Mail



May 23, 2023

Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear [REDACTED],

You are receiving this letter because you are a current or former employee of Collegium Charter School ("CCS"). We are writing to inform you of an incident that may have exposed your personal information. CCS takes the privacy of your personal information seriously and wants to provide you with information and resources you can use to protect your information.

What Happened and What Information was Involved:

On January 13, 2023, CCS detected and stopped a network security incident, in which an unauthorized third party accessed and disabled some of our systems. We immediately engaged third-party forensic specialists to assist us with securing the network environment and investigating the extent of any unauthorized activity. Our investigation determined an unauthorized third party may have accessed certain personal information relating to your employment at CCS during this incident.

While we found no evidence that your information has been specifically misused, we are providing this notification out of an abundance of caution. It is possible that the following personal information could have been accessed by an unauthorized third party: first name, last name, and Social Security number. This information is maintained for standard administrative and payroll purposes.

What We Are Doing:

Data security is one of our highest priorities. Upon detecting this incident we moved quickly to initiate a response, which included conducting an investigation with the assistance of IT specialists and confirming the security of our network environment. We notified law enforcement. CCS also wiped and rebuilt affected systems and have taken steps to bolster our network security. CCS is also reviewing our policies, procedures, and network security software relating to the security of our systems and servers.

While we do not have direct evidence that any personal information has been misused, we are providing you with access to Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for twelve (12) months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. Finally, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in event that you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout through Identity Force, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services.

What You Can Do:

To enroll in credit monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <https://secure.identityforce.com/benefit/collegiumcharter> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please

provide the following unique code to receive services: [REDACTED]

In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. The enrollment for credit monitoring services requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for the credit monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

CCS encourages you to take full advantage of this service offering. Cyberscout representatives have been fully versed on the incident and can answer questions or concerns you may have regarding protection of your personal information.

Enclosed you will find additional information regarding the resources available to you, and the steps that you can take to further protect your personal information.

For More Information:

We recognize that you may have questions not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call Cyberscout help line at 1-833-570-3018, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern time.

We value the security of the personal data that we maintain, and understand the frustration, concern, and inconvenience that this incident may have caused.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marita K. Barber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marita K. Barber, M.Ed.
CEO
Collegium Charter School

Additional Information

Credit Reports: You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit www.annualcreditreport.com, or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

Security Freeze: You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies.

Equifax Security Freeze

P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
1-800-349-9960
<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/>

Experian Security Freeze

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com/freeze/center.html

TransUnion Security Free

P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 1-800-909-8872
www.transunion.com/cre-freeze

Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone and online with:

- Equifax (https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud_Alert_Request_Form.pdf);
- TransUnion (<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>); or
- Experian (<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>).

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. As of September 21, 2018, initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The phone numbers for all three credit bureaus are listed above.

Monitoring: You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

File Police Report: You have the right to file or obtain a police report if you 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 proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can generally report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

FTC and Attorneys General: You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes,

and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General.

The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, www.identitytheft.gov, 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338), TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For Maryland residents, the Attorney General can be contacted at 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-888-743-0023, and www.oag.state.md.us.

For 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 violators. 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. We encourage you to 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.

For North Carolina residents, the Attorney General can be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6400, and www.ncdoj.gov.

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

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General can be reached at 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, www.riag.ri.gov, and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident.