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VIA E-MAIL

Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Security Breach Notification
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202
E-mail: idtheft@oag.state.md.us

Re: Notice of Data Event

To Whom it May Concern:

We represent Crown Point Community School Corporation (“Crown Point”), located at 200 East North Street, Crown Point, Indiana 46307, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to approximately twelve (12) Maryland residents. This notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Crown Point does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Maryland law, the applicability of the Maryland data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

Nature of the Data Event

On November 21, 2022, Crown Point Community School Corporation (“Crown Point”) discovered unusual activity on some of its computer systems. Upon this discovery, Crown Point quickly commenced an investigation which included working with third-party forensic specialists to understand the nature and scope of the activity. Crown Point’s investigation determined that certain systems were subject to unauthorized access between November 17, 2022, and November 21, 2022, and that data may have been accessed by the unauthorized actor while on the network. As a result, Crown Point initiated a comprehensive review of the data determined to be at risk to assess the type of information potentially affected and to whom it related. On June 7, 2023, Crown Point completed this review and determined certain Maryland residents could be affected. The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, financial account information, Driver’s License or State Identification, and Social Security number.

Notice to Maryland Residents

On July 26, 2023, Crown Point provided written notice of this incident to approximately twelve (12) Maryland residents. Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached here as **Exhibit A**. The same day Crown Point posted a notice of the event on the homepage of its website and provided notice to media outlets in the state of Indiana. Crown Point is continuing to try to locate address information for potentially affected individuals and may supplement this notice when that process is finalized.

Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

Upon discovering the event, Crown Point moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of its systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Further, Crown Point notified federal law enforcement and is working to implement additional safeguards. Crown Point is also providing individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident access to credit monitoring services for twelve (12) months through IDX at no cost to the individuals.

Additionally, Crown Point is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud, including advising individuals to report any suspected incidents of identity theft or fraud to their credit card company and/or bank. Crown Point is providing individuals with information on how to place a fraud alert and security freeze on one's credit file, the contact details for the national consumer reporting agencies, information on how to obtain a free credit report, a reminder to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring free credit reports, and encouragement to contact the Federal Trade Commission, their state Attorney General, and law enforcement to report attempted or actual identity theft and fraud. Crown Point is providing written notice of this incident to state regulators, as required.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4259.

Very truly yours,

Colin D. Scanlon of
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT A



CROWN POINT COMMUNITY
SCHOOL CORPORATION

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

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>
<<Address1>>
<<Address2>>
<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

Enrollment Code: <<Enrollment Code>>

To Enroll, Scan the QR Code Below:



Or Visit:

<https://response.idx.us/CPCSC>

July 26, 2023

NOTICE OF <<SECURITY INCIDENT / DATA BREACH>>

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>:

Crown Point Community School Corporation ("Crown Point") is writing to notify you of a recent incident that may involve some of your information. This notice provides you with information about the incident, our response, and additional steps you may take to protect your information, should you determine it is appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On November 21, 2022, we discovered unusual activity on some of our computer systems. Upon this discovery, we quickly commenced an investigation which included working with third-party forensic specialists to understand the nature and scope of the activity. Our investigation determined that certain Crown Point systems were subject to unauthorized access between November 17, 2022, and November 21, 2022, and that data may have been accessed by the unauthorized actor while on the network. As a result, Crown Point initiated a comprehensive review of the data determined to be at risk to assess the type of information **potentially** affected and to whom it related. On June 7, 2023, we completed this review and determined certain individuals could be impacted. We are notifying you because our investigation determined information related to you was contained within the data.

What Information Was Involved? The investigation determined the following information related to you was contained in the potentially impacted data: name, <<Data Elements>>. **Crown Point is not aware of any actual misuse of your information.**

What We Are Doing. Upon discovering this incident, we quickly took steps to respond which included reviewing and enhancing our existing policies and procedures related to network security. Crown Point also reported this incident to federal law enforcement and is notifying individuals and regulators as required. Moreover, as an added precaution, Crown Point is offering affected individuals access to complimentary credit monitoring and identity restoration services out of an abundance of caution. Instructions regarding how to enroll in the services can be found in the enclosure.

What You Can Do. Again, **Crown Point is not aware of any actual misuse of your information**, but encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity. You may also review and consider the information and resources outlined in the below "Steps You Can Take to Protect Personal Information."

For More Information. If you have questions, please call our dedicated assistance line at 1-888-575-0555 (toll free), Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm Eastern Time (excluding U.S. holidays). You may write to Crown Point at 200 East North St., Crown Point, IN 46307.

Sincerely,

Crown Point Community School Corporation

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Enroll in Credit Monitoring

- 1. Website and Enrollment.** Go to <https://response.idx.us/CPCSC> 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 1-888-575-0555 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

Monitor Your Accounts

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of your credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended “fraud alert” on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer’s credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer’s credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer’s identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a “credit freeze” on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer’s express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Addresses for the prior two to five years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver’s license or ID card, etc.); and
7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if you are a victim of identity theft.

Should you wish to place a credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	https://www.transunion.com/credit-help
888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

Additional Information

You may further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and 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 and your state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For District of Columbia residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202-727-3400; and oag.dc.gov.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-528-8662 or 1-888-743-0023; and <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>.

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

For North Carolina residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and www.ncdoj.gov.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 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. There are 0 Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.