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## ATTN: North Dakota Attorney General's Office

Mandan Public School District has received a letter regarding a data security incident affecting the Aimsweb 1.0 assessment platform used in the district up through last school year. Aimsweb is owned by the Pearson Clinical Assessment company. This was a nationwide breach, occurring with the vendor (not MPS) and affected more than 13,000 schools and universities. **Pearson, working with security experts, has indicated that there is no evidence that any data has been misused.** 

The specific student data in the file, as provided by Pearson, included first name, last name, and date of birth. According to Pearson, no grade or assessment information was not affected in this incident. The Aimsweb 1.0 platform does not contain social security numbers, credit card data, or other financial information. Employee data that was a part of the incident consisting of first name, last name, and district email address.

Pearson is providing complimentary credit monitoring services through Experian for affected individuals. They have provided a phone number, 866-883-3309, and email address, aimsweb1request@pearson.com, to request these services or for additional information. Mandan Public Schools has placed a letter on their website and communicating via direct email the parents/guardians of those affected.

If you request any additional information, please contact Jeff Rerick, Technology Director, at 701-751-6500 or <u>Jeff.Rerick@msd1.org</u> or Jeff Fastnacht, Assistant Superintendent, at 701-751-6500 or <u>Jeff.Fastnacht@msd1.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Jeff Rerick Technology Director