

Darlington County School District
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NOTICE OF SECURITY INCIDENT

Dear _____ :

Darlington County School District (“DCSD” or “we”) writes to notify you of an incident that may have involved your personal information. This letter provides details of the incident, our response, and steps you may take to help protect against the possible misuse of your information should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On April 11, 2026, DCSD learned that a file containing Form W-2s for 2025 employees had been inadvertently sent to an unauthorized external recipient in response to a communication that appeared to be a legitimate internal request. Upon discovering this, we promptly took responsive steps including an internal review and implementing additional safeguards to help prevent similar incidents in the future. We also notified law enforcement and the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”).

What Information Was Involved? The information contained in your W-2 may include your name,

What We Are Doing. Information privacy and security are among DCSD’s highest priorities. Our response included completing a thorough internal review and notifying the IRS of the event so they can monitor against fraudulent tax filing activity. We are also reviewing existing security policies and have reinforced with our staff the importance of safeguarding information in our possession to protect against similar events moving forward.

As an added precaution, DCSD is providing you with access to credit monitoring services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for twelve (12) months from the date of enrollment if changes occur to your credit file. A 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. These services will be provided by Cyberscout, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services. Information on these services and instructions on how to activate them may be found in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Personal Information*. Please note that you must complete the enrollment process as we are not permitted to enroll you in these services.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to file your 2025 tax return and/or consult with your tax filing professional regarding this issue as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. We also 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 and detect errors. Additionally, you can review the

enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Personal Information* to learn helpful tips on steps you can take to protect against possible information misuse, should you feel it appropriate to do so. You may also enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring services we are offering to you.

For More Information. We understand you may have questions about the incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have questions, please call 1-833-289-3185 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, excluding holidays. You may also write to DCSD at 120 E. Smith Avenue, Darlington, SC 29532.

Sincerely,

Darlington County School District

Steps You Can Take To Help Protect Your Personal Information

Enroll in Monitoring Services

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: . 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 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 monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

File Your 2025 Tax Return

We encourage you to file your 2025 tax return as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. You can visit the IRS's website at <https://www.irs.gov/uac/Taxpayer-Guide-to-Identity-Theft> for helpful information and guidance on steps you can take to prevent a fraudulent tax return from being filed in your name and what to do if you become the victim of such fraud. If you become aware of a fraudulent tax return filed in your name or you are instructed to do so by the IRS, you should file the IRS Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit, with a paper copy of the return, and mail according to the instructions. A copy of this form can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f14039.pdf> or <https://www.irs.gov/uac/Taxpayer-Guide-to-Identity-Theft>. You should also look at the information made available by the tax authority for your state of residence and any other state where you file a tax return. For a list of websites for each US state's tax authority, visit <https://www.taxadmin.org/state-tax-agencies>.

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 a free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. Consumers may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of their 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 consumers are the victim of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any 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 a consumer's name without consent. However, consumers should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application they make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, consumers cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on their credit report. To request a credit freeze, individuals may need to provide some or all of 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 they are a victim of identity theft.

Should consumers wish to place a credit freeze or fraud alert, 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/data-breach-help
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-833-799-5355
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion, 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, P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

Additional Information

Consumers may further educate themselves regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps they can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or their state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 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. Consumers can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Consumers have the right to file a police report if they ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will likely need to provide some proof that they have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and the relevant state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-576-6300 or 1-888-743-0023; and <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>. DCSD is located at 120 E. Smith Avenue, Darlington, SC 29532.

For Massachusetts residents, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

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. DCSD is located at 120 E. Smith Avenue, Darlington, SC 29532.