



**District Statement**  
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Some of you received notice today of a recent data breach that impacted a law firm (Bricker and Eckler) providing legal services to Tipp City Schools. The firm was retained to assist in an internal matter for the District. The scope of the law firm's work included reviewing employee email and other school district records. Included in some of these records were references to student names, grades, grade point averages, attendance data, prior classes attended, and some official school photographs. However, student protected health information, discipline records, credit card and bank account information for students and/or parents were not provided to the law firm and were not impacted by the data breach. We did not provide student social security numbers either, but an independent attorney for one of our students did provide that student's social security number to the district's law firm and it was part of the data breach.

The law firm has informed us that the firm was able to retrieve the data involved from the unauthorized party and has taken steps to delete the data. At this time, the law firm has no reason to believe this data was copied or retained by the unauthorized party. The firm has informed us that they have found no evidence of misuse of the data. To help prevent a similar type of incident from occurring in the future, the firm has implemented additional security protocols designed to enhance the security of the firm's network, internal systems and applications.

We apologize for any anxiety caused by this matter and hope this communication answers some of the lingering questions. If you wish to discuss further, please reach out to David Kessler and Alexis Wilpon at [BrickerCyberIncident@nortonrosefulbright.com](mailto:BrickerCyberIncident@nortonrosefulbright.com). Norton Rose Fulbright is counsel for the district's law firm and led the investigation into the cyber incident and can assist you with any questions.