



CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members:

This letter is to inform you of a data breach, believed to have occurred during November 2018, involving the unauthorized access of data from the AIMSweb 1.0 system. AIMSweb is an assessment tool utilized by the Cazenovia School District, administered to our students in grades K-2 to measure academic growth, and provided to the District by Pearson Clinical Assessment (Pearson). As you may have read in the news, this data breach impacted more than 13,000 schools and colleges nationwide. Confirmation that Cazenovia students and staff were subjects of this breach occurred only in the last few days.

As of yesterday, the District has been made aware of the extent to which students and staff at Cazenovia have been involved. According to Pearson, the following Directory Information was disclosed during this breach: **First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth, School District Name, and AIMSweb ID number**. While Pearson is indicating that there is no evidence of this data has been misused, the District will be notifying electronically and by letter parents/guardians of students affected by this breach.

Pearson is offering complimentary credit monitoring from Experian for one year for affected individuals as a precautionary measure. If you are interested in learning more about this please call Pearson at (866)883-3309 or email aimswelrequest@pearson.com.

The Cazenovia School District takes the issue of security and student data very seriously. At this time we are working closely with the Central New York Regional Information Center to protect our data network and ensure the security of our students' information. Additionally, we will be evaluating our ongoing use of Pearson assessments.

If you have any questions regarding this data breach, please contact me at (315)655-1317 or mreilly@caz.cnyric.org.

Sincerely,

Matthew Reilly
Superintendent, Cazenovia Central Schools