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Dear

We are writing regarding a recent incident that occurred at Blackbaud, a national vendor we use for data management services, which may affect the security of your personal information. After Blackbaud notified us on September 29, 2020, we commenced a thorough investigation to determine what information could have been impacted by the incident. On October 5, 2020 we learned that your information, including your financial account number and/or Social Security number, may have been affected. We take this incident very seriously and are providing you with information and access to resources so that you can protect your personal information, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

What We Are Doing. The confidentiality, privacy, and security of your information is of the utmost importance to us. We have security measures in place to protect the security of information entrusted to us and that we share with vendors. In addition, as part of our ongoing commitment to the security of personal information, we continue to actively monitor this situation and follow-up with the vendor to ensure that Thayer Academy data is not at additional risk. Our internal team is focused on best-in-class practices that emphasize the protection and security of all data, consistent with our policies and procedures. In addition, consistent with our compliance obligations and responsibilities, we are providing notice of this incident to appropriate government agencies.

<u>What You Can Do</u>. At this time, we are not aware of any misuse of information arising from this incident. However, out of an abundance of caution, we are notifying you so you can take additional actions to help protect your information. We strongly encourage you to take the following preventative measures to help detect and mitigate any misuse of your information:

- 1. Activate your complimentary, two-year credit monitoring and identity theft membership in Experian's® IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup>. This product provides you with identity monitoring services, including fraud detection and identity theft restoration. For more information on identity theft prevention and Experian's® IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup>, including instructions on how to activate your membership, please see the additional information provided at the end of this letter.
- 2. Remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by regularly reviewing your account statements and monitoring free credit reports for any unauthorized activity. Information on additional ways to protect your information, including how to obtain a free credit report and free security freeze, can be found at the end of this letter.
- 3. Report any incidents of suspected identity theft to your local law enforcement and state Attorney General. As a Massachusetts resident, you have the right to obtain any police report filed about 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.

We understand that you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. We are available to speak with you to assist you with questions regarding this incident and steps you can take to protect yourself. Again, we apologize for any inconvenience this incident may cause. We deeply value your relationship with Thayer Academy. Should you have further questions, please call the following toll-free phone number: 1-833-800-0020.

Sincerely,

Theresa Jay

Chief Information Officer

Thayer Academy

Sincerely,

Julaine McInnis

Chief Financial and Operating Officer

Thayer Academy

# MORE INFORMATION ABOUT IDENTITY THEFT AND WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Visit <a href="https://www.experian.com/credit-advice/topic-fraud-and-identity-theft.html">www.experian.com/credit-advice/topic-fraud-and-identity-theft.html</a> for general information regarding identity protection. You can obtain additional information about fraud alerts, security freezes, and preventing identity theft from the consumer reporting agencies listed below and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) by calling its identity theft hotline: 877-438-4338; TTY: 1-866-653-4261. They also provide information online at <a href="https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0014-identity-theft">www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0014-identity-theft</a>. The FTC's address is: Federal Trade Commission, Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. You have the ability to place a security freeze on your credit reports by contacting the following agencies.

#### **National Credit Reporting Agencies Contact Information**

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
P.O. Box 105788	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 160
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-888-909-8872
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com
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You also may request a security freeze be added to your credit report at Experian's online Freeze Center, www.experian.com/freeze/center.html, by phone at 1-888-EXPERIAN (1-888-397-3742), or by mail to Experian Security Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013. More information on a security freeze can be found below.

#### **Obtain Your Credit Report**

You should also monitor your credit reports. You may periodically obtain your credit reports from each of the national consumer reporting agencies. In addition, under federal law, you are entitled to one free copy of your credit report every 12 months from each of the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies listed above. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report by going to <a href="www.AnnualCreditReport.com">www.AnnualCreditReport.com</a> or by calling (877) 322-8228. You also may complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form available from the FTC at <a href="www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0093-annual-report-request-form.pdf">www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0093-annual-report-request-form.pdf</a> and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. You may also contact any of the three major consumer reporting agencies to request a copy of your credit report.

For Massachusetts residents: You may obtain additional copies of your credit report, free of charge. You must contact each of the credit reporting agencies directly.

If you discover inaccurate information or a fraudulent transaction on your credit report, you have the right to request that the consumer reporting agency delete that information from your credit report file. Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the FTC recommends that you check your credit reports periodically, which can help spot and address problems quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them at the information provided above.

#### **Fraud Alerts**

You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least 90 days. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any new accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three national credit reporting agencies using the contact information listed above. Additional information is available at www.annualcreditreport.com.

#### Security Freeze

You have the ability to place a security freeze on your credit report at no cost to you. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you may be able to use an online process, an automated telephone line, or a written request to any of the three credit reporting agencies listed above. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; (5) a legible copy of a government-issued identification card, (6) proof of current address, such as a legible copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement, (7) a legible copy of a recent W-2, pay stub, or Social Security card, and (8) if you are a victim of identity theft, a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. Under federal law, you cannot be charged to place, lift, or remove a security freeze.

After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place, you will need it if you choose to lift the freeze. If you do place a security freeze *prior* to enrolling in the credit monitoring service as described above, you will need to remove the freeze in order to sign up for the credit monitoring service. After you sign up for the credit monitoring service, you may refreeze your credit file.

### Additional Helpful Information

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them at the information provided above.

If this notice letter states that your financial account number and/or credit or debit card number was impacted, we recommend that you contact your financial institution to inquire about steps to take to protect your account(s), including whether you should close your account(s) or obtain a new account number(s).

If your personal information has been used to file a false tax return, to open an account or to attempt to open an account in your name, or to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report in the city in which you currently reside.

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP:

TO ACTIVATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND START MONITORING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PLEASE FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW:

- Ensure that you enroll by: January 21, 2021 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit
- Provide your activation code: W6M5CD575

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877.288.8057 by January 21, 2021. Be prepared to provide engagement number B006034 as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian. A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks.

You can contact Experian **immediately** regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent at 877.288.8057. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that Identity Restoration support is needed, then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that this Identity Restoration support is available to you for one year from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at <a href="https://www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration">www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration</a>. You will also find self-help tips and information about identity protection at this site.

<sup>\*</sup> Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.