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#### Dear << Name 1>>:

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident involving one of our software providers, Blackbaud, Inc. ("Blackbaud"). Charlotte Christian School ("CCS") takes the security of your information very seriously, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this incident may cause. This letter contains information steps we have taken and the resources we are making available to you to protect your identity.

Under Massachusetts law, 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.

Massachusetts law also allows consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports, free of charge. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit mortgages, employment, housing or other services.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must make a direct request by telephone, secure electronic means (website), or written request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax; Experian; and TransUnion at the addresses and/or numbers below:

Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 my.equifax.com/consumer-registration (800) 349-9960

Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 experian.com/freeze (888) 397-3742

TransUnion Security Freeze Fraud Victim Assistance Dept. P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19022-2000 transunion.com/credit-freeze (888) 909-8872

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.) 1.
- Social Security number; 2. Date of birth;
- 3. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five 4.
- Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill; 5.
- A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military 6. identification, etc.)
- If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint 7. to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

The credit reporting agencies have one (1) business day after receiving a telephone or secure electronic request, or three (3) business days after receiving your written request, to place a security freeze on your credit report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password, or both, that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze.

To permanently remove the security freeze, or to temporarily lift the security freeze for a specified period of time or to provide a specified entity access to your credit report, you must make a request either by phone, through secure electronic means (website), or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail. Requests must include proper identification (name, address, and Social Security number) and the PIN or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. To temporarily remove the security freeze, include the specific period of time you want the credit report available or the name of the entity you want to have access to your credit report.

In the case of a request by phone or secure electronic means, the security freeze will be lifted within one (1) hour after receiving the request for removal; or in the case of a request that is by mail, the credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to permanently or temporarily remove the security freeze.

CCS is committed to ensuring the security of all personal information in our control. As a best practice, we recommend that you remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity or suspected identity theft to the proper law enforcement authorities. Please review the enclosed "Additional Important Information" section included with this letter. It explains how you may access a credit monitoring service for two years at no cost. This section also describes additional steps you can take to help protect yourself, including recommendations by the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") regarding identity theft protection and details on how to place a fraud alert or a security freeze on your credit file. Please continue to remain vigilant, and carefully monitor your mail and credit reports for any suspect activity, and report any incident of identity theft to your local law enforcement, Attorney General, and the FTC.

Since first notified of this incident, we have worked diligently to gather from Blackbaud additional details and understandings of how the incident might have specifically impacted CCS data. At this time, Blackbaud has assured us that appropriate measures have been taken to resolve the incident, strengthen the Blackbaud network, and better secure data stored in the Blackbaud environment. Additionally, we have received no evidence of data misuse as a result of this incident.

The protection of your information is a top priority, and we sincerely regret any concern or inconvenience that this matter may cause you and your family. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 704-366-5657, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm EST.

Sincerely,

Terry Efird

Chief Financial Officer Charlotte Christian School

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# Additional Important Information

For residents of Hawaii, Michigan, Missouri, Virginia, Vermont, and North Carolina: It is recommended by state law that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity.

For residents of Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, and West Virginia:

It is required by state laws to inform you that you may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit www.annualcreditreport.com, or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

For residents of *Iowa*:

State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

For residents of Oregon:

State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission.

For residents of Arizona, Colorado, Maryland, Rhode Island, Illinois, New York, and North Carolina;

You can obtain information from the Offices of the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

Maryland Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division 200, St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202

1-888-743-0023 www.oag.state.md.us

Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection 150 South Main Street, Providence RI 02903 1-401-274-4400 www.riag.ri.gov

North Carolina Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh,

NC 27699-9001 1-877-566-7226 www.ncdoi.com Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20580

1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) www.ftc.gov/idtheft New York Office of Attorney General Consumer Frauds & Protection, The Capitol Albany, NY 12224

1-800-771-7755 https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft

Colorado Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection 1300 Broadway, 9th Floor, Denver, CO 80203 1-720-508-6000 www.coag.gov

Arizona Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection & Advocacy Section, 2005 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004 1-602-542-5025

Illinois Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division 100 W Randolph St., Chicago, IL 60601 1-800-243-0618 www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov

For residents of Massachusetts: It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft.

## For residents of all states:

Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone and online with Equifax (https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud\_Alert\_Request\_Form.pdf); TransUnion (https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts); or Experian (https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html). A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. As of September 21, 2018, initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The phone numbers for all three credit bureaus are at the bottom of this page.

Monitoring: You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

Security Freeze: You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. 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 need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, 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; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

**Equifax Security Freeze** 

P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 https://www.equifax.com/personal /credit-report-services/credit-freeze/ 800-525-6285 **Experian Security Freeze** 

P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com/freeze 888-397-3742 TransUnion (FVAD)

P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19022 <u>freeze,transunion.com</u> 800-680-7289

More information can also be obtained by contacting the Federal Trade Commission listed above.

### **Blackbaud Credit Monitoring Service**

Blackbaud is providing you with access to Single Bureau Credit Monitoring\* services at no charge. Services are for 24 months from the date of enrollment. When changes occur to your Experian credit file, notification is sent to you the same day the change or update takes place with the bureau. In addition, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions you might have. In the event you become a victim of fraud you will also have access remediation support from a CyberScout Fraud Investigator. In order for you to receive the monitoring service described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter.

Proactive Fraud Assistance. For sensitive breaches focused on customer retention, reputation management, or escalation handling, CyberScout provides unlimited access during the service period to a fraud specialist who will work with enrolled notification recipients on a one-on-one basis, answering any questions or concerns that they may have. Proactive Fraud Assistance includes the following features:

Fraud specialist-assisted placement of fraud alert, protective registration, or geographical equivalent, in

situations where it is warranted.

After placement of a Fraud Alert, a credit report from each of the three (3) credit bureaus is made available to the notification recipient (United States only).

Assistance with reading and interpreting credit reports for any possible fraud indicators.

Removal from credit bureau marketing lists while Fraud Alert is active (United States only).

Answering any questions individuals may have about fraud.

Provide individuals with the ability to receive electronic education and alerts through email. (Note that these emails may not be specific to the recipient's jurisdiction/location.)

Identity Theft and Fraud Resolution Services. Resolution services are provided for enrolled notification recipients who fall victim to an identity theft as a result of the applicable breach incident. ID Theft and Fraud Resolution includes, but is not limited to, the following features:

Unlimited access during the service period to a personal fraud specialist via a toll-free number.

Creation of Fraud Victim affidavit or geographical equivalent, where applicable.

Preparation of all documents needed for credit grantor notification, and fraud information removal purposes.

All phone calls needed for credit grantor notification, and fraud information removal purposes.

Notification to any relevant government and private agencies.

Assistance with filing a law enforcement report.

Comprehensive case file creation for insurance and law enforcement.

Assistance with enrollment in applicable Identity Theft Passport Programs in states where it is available and in situations where it is warranted (United States only).

Assistance with placement of credit file freezes in states where it is available and in situations where it is warranted (United States only); this is limited to online-based credit freeze assistance.

Customer service support for individuals when enrolling in monitoring products, if applicable.

Assistance with review of credit reports for possible fraudulent activity.

Unlimited access to educational fraud information and threat alerts. (Note that these emails may not be specific to the recipient's jurisdiction/location.)

## **Enrollment Instructions**

## How do I enroll for the free services?

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please navigate to:

https://www.cyberscouthq.com/epiq263?ac=263HQ1207

If prompted, please provide the following unique code to gain access to services: 263HQ1207. Once registered, you can access Monitoring Services by selecting the "Use Now" link to fully authenticate your identity and activate your services. Please ensure you take this step to receive your alerts within 90 days from the date of this letter.