

Secure Processing Center P.O. Box 3826 Suwanee, GA 30024

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Dear << Name 1>> :

We are writing to inform you that Buffalo Public Schools ("BPS") was recently a victim of a security incident that may have resulted in access to some of your personal information. BPS takes the protection and proper use of your personal information seriously and is providing you with notice of this incident to keep you informed. Details follow below.

# WHAT WE ARE DOING

In order to protect against similar incidents in the future, we are taking several precautionary measures, such as changing passwords and modifying internal controls.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

It is always a good idea to consider some or all of the below actions to help reduce your risk of identity theft:

- Remain vigilant, especially over the next 12 months, and review your bank accounts, credit card bills and free credit
  reports for unauthorized activity. Promptly report any suspected identity theft to your local law enforcement agency,
  the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, your State Attorney General, your financial institution, and to the Fraud Alert
  phone line of a consumer reporting agency. You can obtain information about fraud alerts and security freezes by
  contacting the three national reporting agencies below:
  - o **Equifax**, P.O. Box 740256, Atlanta, GA 30374, www.equifax.com, 1-800-525-6285;
  - o Experian, P.O. Box 4500, Allen, TX 75013, www.experian.com, 1-888-397-3742; and
  - o TransUnion, 2 Baldwin Place, P.O. Box 1000, Chester, PA 19016, www.transunion.com, 1-800-680-7289.
- Periodically obtain credit reports from each nationwide credit reporting agency and have information relating to fraudulent transactions deleted.
- Place a fraud alert on your credit file by contacting any of the three credit reporting agencies listed above. A fraud alert temporarily, for a period of 90 days, requires potential creditors to take additional steps to verify your identity before issuing credit in your name.
- Place a security freeze on your consumer report. A security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, a security freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit. Please contact one of the three credit reporting agencies listed above for further information.
- Request and carefully review your free annual consumer credit report by visiting <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or by calling 1-877-322-8228.

You can also contact the Federal Trade Commission to obtain information about preventing identity theft and, specifically, setting up fraud alerts and security freezes. The contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows: Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580, <a href="https://www.ftc.gov">www.ftc.gov</a>, 1-877-382-4357. You have the right to obtain a police report as a result of this incident.

#### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BPS is also offering you a complimentary 24-month<sup>1</sup> membership of CyEx Identity Defense Complete monitoring services.

#### **Enrollment Instructions**

- 1. Visit app.identitydefense.com/enrollment/activate/bcsd
- 2. Enter your unique Activation Code: << Activation Code>>
- 3. Click 'Redeem Code'
- 4. Follow the prompts to create your account

The deadline to enroll is <<Enrollment Deadline>>. After <<Enrollment Deadline>>, the enrollment process will close, and your Identity Defense code will no longer be active. If you do not enroll by <<Enrollment Deadline>>, you will not be able to take advantage of Identity Defense, so please enroll before the deadline.

# **Key Features**

- 1-Bureau Credit Monitoring
- Monthly Credit Score and Tracker (VantageScore 3.0)
- Real-Time Authentication Alerts
- High-Risk Transaction Monitoring
- Address Change Monitoring
- Dark Web Monitoring
- Wallet Protection
- Security Freeze Assist
- \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance<sup>2</sup>

If you need assistance with the enrollment process or have questions regarding Identity Defense, please call Identity Defense directly at 866.622.9303.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

If you have any questions, please call the dedicated toll-free response line at 888-837-1359. The response line is available Monday through Friday, 9 am to 9 pm Eastern Time. Additionally, our mailing address is 712 City Hall, 65 Niagara Square, Buffalo, NY 14202.

you.

Sincerely,

**Buffalo Public Schools** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Service Term begins on the date of enrollment, provided that the enrollment takes place during the approved enrollment period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten by insurance company subsidiaries or affiliates of American International Group, Inc. The description herein is a summary and intended for informational purposes only and does not include all terms, conditions, and exclusions of the policies described. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.