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Re: Notice of Data Breach

Dear <<First\_Name>> <<Last\_Name>>,

Hispanic Scholarship Fund recently experienced a cybersecurity event. Please read this notice carefully, as it provides up-to-date information on what happened and what we are doing, as well as information on how you can help protect your identity.

### What Happened?

On June 6, 2022, Hispanic Scholarship Fund (“HSF”) learned of a data breach which resulted in certain HSF files being accessed without authorization. HSF took immediate action, secured the affected files by June 9, and worked with a leading cybersecurity firm to determine what information was impacted and to deploy additional safeguards to our systems. HSF does not have evidence that the data has been misused.

### What Information Was Involved?

The personal information impacted varies for each individual, but generally includes your name and address. It may also include your phone number, email address, date of birth, student identification number, state identification number and driver’s license number in addition to grades and information regarding your course history.

### What We Are Doing

HSF is committed to safeguarding students’ confidential and sensitive information. HSF has taken steps to deploy additional safeguards onto our systems, including reinforcing our security practices, and reviewing our systems to enhance and fortify security monitoring and controls.

### What You Can Do

It is always a good idea to remain vigilant against threats of identity theft or fraud and to regularly review and monitor your account statements and credit history for any signs of unauthorized transactions or activity. If you ever suspect that you are the victim of identity theft or fraud, you can contact your local police. Additional information about how to help protect your identity is below.

### For more information:

Hispanic Scholarship Fund has established a dedicated call center to answer questions about the cybersecurity event. If you have any questions, please call the call center 1-???-???-???? Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Central Time, excluding major U.S. holidays.

Araceli Ruano  
 Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel  
 Hispanic Scholarship Fund

## **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT IDENTITY PROTECTION**

### **INFORMATION ON OBTAINING A FREE CREDIT REPORT**

U.S. students are entitled under U.S. law to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit bureaus. To order your free credit reports, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call toll-free (877) 322-8228.

### **INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTING A FRAUD ALERT OR SECURITY FREEZE**

You can contact the three major credit bureaus at the addresses below to place a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert indicates to anyone requesting your credit file that you suspect you are a possible victim of fraud. A fraud alert does not affect your ability to get a loan or credit. Instead, it alerts a business that your personal information might have been compromised and requires that business to verify your identity before issuing you credit. Although this may cause some short delay if you are the one applying for the credit, it might protect against someone else obtaining credit in your name.

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. A credit reporting agency may not charge you to place, temporarily lift, or permanently remove a security freeze.

To place a fraud alert or security freeze on your credit report, you must contact the three credit bureaus below:

<b>Equifax</b>	<b>Experian</b>	<b>TransUnion</b>
Consumer Fraud Division	Credit Fraud Center	TransUnion LLC
P.O. Box 740256	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 2000
Atlanta, GA 30374	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19022-2000
(888) 766-0008	(888) 397-3742	(800) 680-7289
<a href="http://www.equifax.com">www.equifax.com</a>	<a href="http://www.experian.com">www.experian.com</a>	<a href="http://www.transunion.com">www.transunion.com</a>

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

1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
2. Social Security Number;
3. Date of birth;
4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, the addresses where you have lived over those prior five years;
5. Proof of current address such as a current utility bill or telephone bill; and
6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.).

You may also contact the U.S. Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") for further information on fraud alerts, security freezes, and how to protect yourself from identity theft. The FTC can be contacted at 400 7th St. SW, Washington, DC 20024; telephone +1 (877) 382-4357; or [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft).

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Your state attorney general may also have advice on preventing identity theft, and you should report instances of known or suspected identity theft to law enforcement, your state attorney general, or the FTC.

**Massachusetts Students:** Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in connection to the cybersecurity event. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.