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Dear parents:

We had our final meeting with our forensic analysis team yesterday and I am pleased to report the following:

- After their extensive forensic analysis of our servers and Genesis Program, these experts have concluded there was no breach of personal information of anyone from our system. The forensic team indicated these “bad guys” who infiltrated our system through Genesis, were not able to break the codes to obtain any information or view the program. This is great news as it assured us that everyone’s personal information remains protected.
- Our forensic experts were able to identify that activity of these “bad guys” was limited to Genesis and the use of our WiFi.
- The servers in our district have been analyzed thoroughly by the forensic team and those affected have been deactivated to maintain security and eliminate further infiltration of our system.

We have taken the recommendations from the forensic experts to make our systems as safe and secure as they can be. However, it is clear we are living in changing times, one that poses many challenges given the prominent role technology plays in all of our lives. I want to reassure you we will continue to monitor our technology as we do and also add we are fortunate that there was no information taken given our security measures that were in place prior to the “bad guys” visiting our site as they were not able to retrieve information. Given our age of technology and the fact there are many “bad guys” out there who prey on individuals, schools, and businesses through cyber-attacks, I also encourage you to monitor your personal devices and email at home to ensure they are safe and secure from these “hackers.” It is unfortunate that we have to think in this manner, but it has become a necessity in this day and age.

Finally, at this time you will be able to access the parent portal to review your child’s grades. Unfortunately, the grades from the teacher gradebook from the first marking period are not visible since we had to reconstruct the program. However, you will be able to view all grades from the second marking period and continuing through the remainder of the school year. I apologize for this inconvenience, but you will be current moving forward with the grades. I am most appreciative of the efforts of our secretaries and technology department who worked tirelessly to complete this process and all of you parents for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter L. Koza, Superintendent

