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Superintendent's Memorandum

Date: January 2, 2024

To: North East School District Staff and Community

From: Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent

Re: North East School District – Cyber Security Incident Conclusion Summary

As you are aware, on around September 1, 2023 we discovered a ransomware incident that impacted our systems. In response to the incident, we engaged outside counsel which on our behalf engaged a cybersecurity firm that routinely investigates these types of incidents. The cyber security firm was tasked with securing the environment, determining root cause, and assessing whether there was any risk sensitive data, including personal sensitive information and information protected by contract.

The District was informed on December 20, 2023, that the cyber security firm has completed its investigation into the Incident. Fortunately, the investigation identified no indications of data exfiltration from our network. Based on the investigation and the review of our data, they were able to conclude that none of the data accessed during the incident involved sensitive or personal or confidential information. Moreover, there was no evidence of tools being deployed during the incident that would suggest data exfiltration. In short, there is no evidence of any personal or protected information being accessed or acquired as a result of this incident and no further action is required.