



# **MEMORANDUM**

## **NLTA MEDIA STATEMENT**

January 28, 2025

**TO:** All Teachers

**RE:** PowerSchool Cybersecurity Breach

The NLTA issued the following statement to the media today (January 28, 2025) in response to the recent update from the Department of Education on the PowerSchool Cybersecurity breach:

The Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association was informed of the North America-wide breach of the PowerSchool system by Department of Education officials earlier this month. We were advised that investigations were ongoing to confirm the scope of the breach, and that PowerSchool believed the data had been deleted without any further replication or dissemination and did not anticipate it being shared or made public. It was not known at that time if any inappropriate accessing of personal information of teachers and other school staff had occurred.

We have continued to monitor this situation and are extremely concerned by the details released today, including the confirmation that sensitive information of teachers has been accessed. The NLTA does not know the identity of the teachers impacted or what specific information was accessed for which individuals. We understand that notifications, including details regarding identity protection and credit monitoring services is being provided to those affected, and we encourage anyone who may be impacted to refer to the information and contacts for public inquiries provided by government for further updates.

The NLTA expects the provincial government to ensure that a full and proper investigation of this matter is conducted, and to take all necessary steps to protect the privacy of teachers, students and staff, including measures to prevent further such incidents in the future. We take the privacy of our members and their students very seriously, and will continue to monitor this situation closely, including liaising with government to ensure appropriate support and protection for impacted NLTA members is provided.

The Provincial Government has created a webpage with information related to the PowerSchool breach. All inquiries can be sent to [PowerSchoolinfo@gov.nl.ca](mailto:PowerSchoolinfo@gov.nl.ca)