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Dear Parent of a Student Eligible or Considered for Special Education Services:

I want you to be aware of some information that recently came to my attention. Leander ISD received information that there was an incident of unauthorized web access to certain students' electronic education records. These electronic records are protected by federal law, and are available to authorized employees only. Because of how seriously we take the protection of our students' records, I want to outline the steps LISD is taking.

Upon receiving the information, the District immediately initiated an investigation and coordinated with appropriate third-party experts. (These experts are bound by a confidentiality agreement with LISD). ***The District quickly confirmed that its electronic records are not available to the general public via its website.***

The District has not allowed any unauthorized access to student records nor disseminated any student records. Nevertheless, it appears that one individual gained unauthorized electronic access to confidential information.

The District immediately eliminated the path that was apparently used to gain the unauthorized access and took several additional steps to enhance security. At present, it does not appear that the unauthorized access involves motives related to identity theft. Nevertheless, because of the seriousness of any unauthorized access, the District has initiated a complaint with appropriate law enforcement.

While the District is not at liberty to comment further concerning an ongoing investigation, specific parent inquiries may be made to my office at 434-5054 or 434-5066.

The District takes privacy issues very seriously, and will not tolerate unauthorized access to student information. I again want to emphasize that the District has not made any unauthorized disclosure of confidential information, nor was such information made available to the general public. The District has and enforces strict policies which preserve the privacy of student records (FL Legal and FL Local).

I deeply regret this situation, and assure you that the district is marshalling its full resources to ensure that all of our student information is fully secure.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bret A. Champion". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Bret A. Champion
Superintendent