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DATA BREACH NOTIFICATION

EAST STROUDSBURG
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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#830. DATA BREACH NOTIFICATION

1. Purpose

The East Stroudsburg Area School District ("School District") recognizes that information, data, information, and records are primary assets of and necessary to the operation, educational programs, and mission of the School District. School District data, information, and records must be protected in all of their forms, on all of their media, and during all of the phases of their life cycle, from unauthorized or inappropriate access, use, modification, disclosure, or destruction.

With the increased reliance upon electronic data, and the maintenance of personal information of students, employees, and others in electronic and other formats, the School District is concerned about the risk of a breach in the electronic system's security and other possible disclosures of personal information.

2. Definitions 73 P.S. § 2302

1. Under *Pennsylvania's Breach of Personal Information Notification Act* the subsequent words have the following meanings.

Breach of the System's Security² – means unauthorized access and acquisition of computerized data that materially compromises the security or confidentiality of Personal Information³ maintained by the School District as part of the database of Personal Information regarding multiple individuals and that causes or the School District reasonably believes has caused or will cause loss or injury to any Pennsylvania resident.

Good faith acquisition of Personal Information by an employee or agent of the School District for the purposes of the School District is not a Breach of the System's Security if the Personal Information is not used for a purpose other than the lawful purpose of the School District and is not subject to further unauthorized disclosure.

73 P.S. § 2302

Personal Information – includes an individual's first name or first initial and

¹ "Records" (with an initial capital letter) refers to the defined terms of Pennsylvania's *Breach of Personal Information Notification Act*, whereas "records" (without an initial capital letter) refers to records generally.

² Breach of the System's Security relevant to Pennsylvania's Breach of Personal Information Notification Act may also be referred to as "BPINA Breach".

³ See Definition section for the defined terms generally provided in initial capital letters throughout this Policy and the accompanying administrative regulation(s).

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| | last name in combination with and linked to any one or more of the following, when not encrypted or redacted: • Social Security number • Driver's license number or a State identification card number issued in lieu of a driver's license. • Financial account number, credit or debit card number, in combination with any required security code, access code or password that would permit Aaccess to an individual's financial account. | | |
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| 73 P.S. § 2302 Policy 801 | Personal information does not include publicly available information that is lawfully made available to the general public from federal, state or local government records. | | |
| 73 P.S. § 2302 | Records – pursuant to the <i>Breach of Personal Information Notification Act</i> , Records mean any material, regardless of its physical form, on which information is recorded or preserved by any means, including written or spoken words, graphically depicted, printed or electromagnetically transmitted. The term does not include publicly available directories containing information an individual has voluntarily consented to have publicly disseminated or listed, such as name, address or telephone number. | | |
| 45 C.F.R. Part 164, § 164.402; 45 C.F.R. subpart E ESASD HIPAA Plan | 2. Under the <i>HITECH Act</i> the subsequent words have the following meanings. Breach⁴ - Breach under the <i>HITECH Act</i> means the acquisition, <u>A</u> eccess, use, or disclosure of protected health information in a manner not permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Rule, which Compromises the Security or Privacy of the Protected Health Information. <i>Compromises the Security or Privacy of the Protected Health Information</i> means poses a significant risk of financial, reputational, or other harm to the individual. | | |
| 45 C.F.R. § 164.514(e)(<u>1</u> 2) | The School District may A use or disclosure a limited data set that meets the requirements of the HITECH Actof protected health information that does not include the identifiers listed at § 164.514(e)(2) (Implementation Specification: for the Limited Data Set_and § 164.514(e)(3) (Implementation Specifications: Permitted Purposes for Use and Disclosures), if the School District enters into a data use agreement with the limited data set recipient, and the agreement contains the requirements of the HITECH Act § 164.414(e)(4). standard), date of birth, and zip code does not Compromise the Security or Privacy of the Protected Health Information. | · -< · · | Formatted: Not Highlight Formatted: Not Highlight |

⁴ Breach relevant to the HITECH Act may also be referred to as "HITECH Breach".

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| 45 C.F.R. § | Breach excludes: | |
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| <u>164.402</u> | (i) Any unintentional acquisition, Access, or use of protected health information by a workforce member or person acting under the authority of the School District or a business associate, if such acquisition, Access, or use was made in good faith and within the scope of authority and does not result in further use or disclosure in a manner not permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Rule. | Formatted: Font color: Red |
| | (ii) Any inadvertent disclosure by a person who is authorized to Aaccess protected health information at the School District or business associate to another person authorized to Aaccess protected health information at the School District or business associate, or organized health care arrangement in which the School District participates, and the information received as a result of such disclosure is not further used or disclosed in a manner not permitted under the Privacy Rule. | |
| | (iii) A disclosure of protected health information where the School District or business associate has a good faith belief that an unauthorized person to whom the disclosure was made would not reasonably have been able to retain such information. | |
| | Except as provided in paragraph (i) of this definition, an acquisition, Access, use, or disclosure of protected health information in a manner not permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Rule is presumed to be a breach unless the School District or business associate, as applicable, demonstrates that there is a low probability that the protected health information has been compromised based on a risk assessment of at least the following factors: | |
| | (i) The nature and extent of the protected health information involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification; | |
| | (ii) The unauthorized person who used the protected health information or to whom the disclosure was made; | |
| | (iii) Whether the protected health information was actually acquired or viewed; and | |
| | (iv) The extent to which the risk to the protected health information has been mitigated. | |
| 34 C.F.R. §160.103 | <u>Protected Health Information (PHI)</u> — means individually identifiable health information: | Formatted: Font: Bold |

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(i) Except as excluded below, that is:

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⁵ If the data breach notification law of another state and Pennsylvania's *Breach of Personal Information Notification Act* apply to a matter consult the School District's attorney.

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Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act ("HITECH Act"), and accompanying Health and Human Services ("HHS") regulations, this Policy and its accompanying administrative regulation(s), procedures, and rules, and the School District's additional relevant policies, administrative regulations, procedures, and rules (-including the Student Records Policy, the Student Electronic Privacy Policy, and the Student Records Plan), and relevant agreements that the School District has entered into with vendors to protect student, employee, and School District data, information, and records from unauthorized disclosure.

Employees, agents, guests, vendors, business associates, and if applicable students, are required to protect the sensitive, confidential, personally identifiable information about students, employees and others from theft, inadvertent, negligent and willful disclosure or breach⁶ of such information, data, information, or records when they are under the supervision or control of the School District, and when they are not under the supervision or control of the School District, for example, but not limited to, working at home, on vacation, or elsewhere.

School District administrators must provide appropriate notification of any BPINA Breach to any resident whose unencrypted, unredacted, and unsecure Personal Information protected by Pennsylvania's *Breach of Personal Information Notification Act* was or is reasonably believed to have been accessed or acquired by unauthorized persons.

School District administrators must provide appropriate notification of a HITECH Breach of protected health information in a manner not permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Rule, which Compromises the Security or Privacy of the Protected Health Information.

The Superintendent, and/or designee, is hereby granted the authority to create additional administrative regulations, procedures, and rules to carry out the purpose of this Policy. The administrative regulation(s), procedures, and rules accompanying this Policy must include among other items guidance in implementing the Pennsylvania *Data Breach Notification for Personal Information Act, the HITECH Act*, the *Confidentiality of Social Security Number* law, and the destruction of data, information, and records.

4. Guidelines

This Policy, its accompanying administrative regulation(s), procedures and rules apply to all School District environments, whether the data, information, or records are used on School District property, or beyond School District property, in applications, systems, networks that the School District owns or that are operated by School District employees, agents, guests, vendors, business

⁶ The word "breach" refers collectively to all breaches whether it is a *BPINA Breach*, a HITECH Breach, or any breach of data, information, or record and/or under any law.

associates, or students.

Other than data defined as public, all data, information, and records and processing resources are only accessible on a need to know basis to specifically identified, authenticated, and authorized individuals and entities.

The Superintendent, or designee, must provide training for employees, and if relevant, instructional sessions for students to assist them in knowing the importance of and how to protect sensitive, confidential, and personal data, information, and records, and how to comply with the data, information, and records requirements of this Policy and its accompanying administrative regulation(s), procedures, and rules.

Violations of this Policy, its administrative regulation(s), or other School District policies, administrative regulations, rules, and procedures, as well as statutes, regulations and laws may result in a variety of disciplinary actions, including but not limited to, warnings, usage restrictions, loss of privileges, position reassignment, oral or written reprimands, student suspensions, employee suspensions (with or without pay), dismissals, expulsions, breach of contract, penalties provided in statutes, regulations, and other laws (including but not limited to penalties under Pennsylvania's *Data Breach Notification for Personal Information Act*, and *the HITECH Act*), and/or legal proceedings on a case-bycase basis. This Policy incorporates all other relevant School District policies, such as, but not limited to, the student and professional employee discipline policies, the Code of Student Conduct, the Acceptable Use Policy, and the Vendor Access Policy.

References:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), §13402(h)(2). *Breach of Personal Information Notification Act* – 73 P.S. § 2301 et seq. Fair Credit Reporting Act - 15 U.S.C. § 1681a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act – 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 HITECH Act - 45 C.F.R. Part 160 and 164 Identity Theft Laws (PA) – 18 Pa.C.S. § 4120; 42 Pa.C.S. § 9720.1 Pennsylvania Student Records Law – 22 Pa. Code § 12.31 - § 12.32 Confidentiality of Social Security Number Law – 74 P.S. § 201 ESASD Board Policies, Administrative Regulations, Procedures, and Rules – 801, 801A, 815 and accompanying attachments, 815.1 and accompanying attachment, 830-AR. The ESASD Student Records Plan for the Collection, Maintenance, and Dissemination of Student Records, the ESASD HIPAA Plan, and the ESASD Checklist for Responding to Reported and Suspected Data Security Breaches: Data Breach Notification Laws.