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TO: The Honorable Jim Durkin, House Minority Leader
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FROM: Dr. Carmen I. Ayala 
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DATE: June 30, 2021

SUBJECT: Annual Security Breach Report for FY2021

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) respectfully submits this report to the General Assembly in order to fulfill the requirements of 815 ILCS 530/25 which states that any State agency that has submitted a report regarding security breaches must submit an annual report listing all breaches of security of the system data or written materials and corrective measure that have been taken to prevent future breaches.

ISBE noted the following breach incidents in FY2021, which were properly reported at the time of the breach.

On September 16, 2020, the Agency was notified that one educator’s (Educator A) Form 73-71, Licensure Update Request Form, was scanned into another educator’s (Educator B) licensure file within the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS). ISBE’s Form 73-71 contains Personally Identifiable Information (PII) about an Educator such as name, state identification number/information, date of birth, address, phone number, email and marriage license information. Educator B opened her account and viewed Educator A’s PII.

On November 17, 2020, the Agency was notified that one educator’s (Educator A) transcripts were scanned into another educator’s (Educator B) licensure file within the ELIS. The transcripts contained Educator A’s name, social security number, date of birth, and address. Educator B opened his account and viewed Educator A’s PII.

On November 25, 2020, ISBE removed the capability for an educator to view documents within ELIS for which the educator did not upload themselves. Educators are no longer able to open any documents added by anyone but themselves in ELIS, which will prevent any accidental exposure of PII.

As always, ISBE is committed to the security of data it maintains as well as the data collected on behalf of the agency.

cc: The Honorable JB Pritzker, Governor
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