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Gentlemen,

Northern Illinois University (“the University”) is notifying you, pursuant to Illinois’ Personal Information Protection Act (815 ILCS 530/1 *et. seq.*), of an act of unauthorized acquisition of personal information of Illinois residents.

The National Student Clearinghouse (“NSC”) has informed the University that it is a victim of the same global MOVEit security incident that the State of Illinois is a victim of, and that files they maintain on behalf of NIU have been accessed by an unauthorized party. This security vulnerability led to files they maintain on behalf of NIU being obtained by an unauthorized party. The University is in contact with NSC to understand the scope of the breach. Thus, at this time, the notice is very general and does not include specific dates of breach, the number of Illinois residents affected, their identities or the data accessed as such is still being investigated.

NSC advises they have taken several steps to correct and remediate the situation including:

- Reporting the breach to law enforcement.
- Engaging a third-party cybersecurity firm to learn the complete impact of the acquisition.
- Implementing patches to close the security gap in the software.
- Moving all data to a “clean” system protected from the vulnerability and not involved in the original breach.

The University understands its continuing reporting requirements and will follow up as more information becomes available. Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments you may have.

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