



Illinois State Board of Education

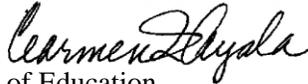
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State Superintendent of Education

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable William E. Brady, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable John J. Cullerton, Senate President
The Honorable Jim Durkin, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Michael J. Madigan, Speaker of the House

FROM: Dr. Carmen I. Ayala 
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: November 20, 2019

RE: Required Notification pursuant to the Personal Information Protection Act

Pursuant to Section 25 of the Personal Information Protection Act [815 ILCS 530/25], the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is hereby providing notification of a compromise of 31 previous employee's social security numbers.

On Wednesday, November 13, 2019, the Agency determined that a file containing the social security number of 31 previous ISBE employees was sent to an ISBE contractor, Maximus. This error was immediately recognized and the person responsible called the vendor. At ISBE's direction, the two recipients of the email immediately deleted the email and also removed from their deleted file. While it does not appear that the information was viewed, the agency considers this a breach and is therefore reporting the incident.

To limit our exposure in the future, all ISBE employees will be retrained on the Personal Information Protection Act and how to handle confidential information.

The Illinois State Board of Education is committed to maintaining the security of personal information and regrets the breach of information.

If you have any questions or comments, you may contact Amanda Elliott, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs, at (217) 782-6510.

cc: The Honorable JB Pritzker, Governor
Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House