

## External Data Breach Notice

A recent communication from software vendor Pearson and Pearson Clinical Assessments notified 13,000 school and university clients of a data breach involving student and staff information. The nationwide breach affected some accounts containing student information at those institutions. The data breach affected the Aimsweb 1.0 assessment platform utilized by Northern Lehigh School District.

Upon notification from Pearson, our technology department immediately began an investigation. According to Pearson, findings suggest that no sensitive data was compromised. Exposed data was limited to first and last names only. Neither birth date information nor assessment data was compromised and the Aimsweb 1.0 platform does not contain Social Security numbers, credit card data, other financial information, phone numbers, or home addresses.

Pearson has taken action to secure the Aimsweb 1.0 platform and determined that no other Pearson systems were affected. Pearson is also working with law enforcement and cybersecurity experts and believes the breach to have occurred on or around November 2018.

Our district works to ensure the highest levels of protection and privacy of all student data in our possession and that vendors with whom we work are compliant with local, state, and federal regulations.

You can read the [Official Pearson Statement](#) here.