# EXHIBIT 1

The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and this notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, The Peddie School ("Peddie") does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Maine law, the applicability of the Maine data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

#### **Nature of the Data Event**

On December 22, 2023, Peddie discovered suspicious activity in its computer network and determined that certain systems were encrypted and inaccessible. Peddie immediately commenced an investigation with the assistance of third-party forensic specialists to determine the nature and scope of the unauthorized activity. Peddie also worked to securely restore impacted system operations. The investigation found that Peddie systems were accessed by an unknown actor between October 30, 2023, and December 22, 2023, and during this time certain files were copied.

In general, Peddie stores sensitive data off network with third-party providers and the investigation did not identify any evidence of lateral movement outside of the Peddie environment. Furthermore, the initial investigation did not reveal any evidence of access to sensitive data on Peddie's network. Out of an abundance of caution Peddie reviewed the involved Peddie systems further for personal information and in late February the investigation determined that certain personal information may have been stored on the systems outside of the ordinary course of business. Therefore, Peddie engaged in further review of the systems to determine what specific information could have been present at the time of the event. Although this review is ongoing, the initial review concluded on April 21, 2024. Peddie then took steps to further validate and enrich the data for purpose of providing notice.

Peddie's investigation determined that the involved systems may have contained personal information as defined by Maine law including name and Social Security number.

#### **Notice to Maine Residents**

On or about May 23, 2024, Peddie provided written notice of this incident to four (4) Maine residents. Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached here as *Exhibit A*.

#### Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

Upon discovering the event, Peddie moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of Peddie systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Peddie also notified federal law enforcement regarding the event. Peddie has implemented additional technical safeguards and is revising its policies and procedures related to the handling of data. Peddie is providing access to credit monitoring services for one (1) year through Experian to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, Peddie is providing individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud. Peddie is providing individuals with information on how to place a fraud

alert and security freeze on one's credit file, the contact details for the national consumer reporting agencies, information on how to obtain a free credit report, a reminder to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring free credit reports, and encouragement to contact the Federal Trade Commission, their state Attorney General, and law enforcement to report attempted or actual identity theft and fraud.

Peddie is providing written notice of this incident to relevant state regulators, as necessary, and to the three major credit reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.

# **EXHIBIT A**



Return Mail Processing PO Box 999 Suwanee, GA 30024

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SAMPLE A. SAMPLE - L01
APT ABC
123 ANY ST
ANYTOWN, US 12345-6789

May 23, 2024

### [Extra1]

# Dear Sample A. Sample:

The Peddie School is committed to protecting the privacy of its community. As part of this commitment, we are writing to inform you of an incident that may involve some of your information. Below is information concerning the incident along with some resources that can help you protect against the possibility of misuse of your information.

# What Happened?

We became aware of suspicious activity involving our computer network and immediately began an investigation. The investigation determined that Peddie's systems were accessed by an unknown actor between October 30, 2023 and December 22, 2023, and during this time certain files were copied. We reviewed the systems to identify their contents and to determine if they contain information belonging to individuals. On April 21, 2024, we completed our initial review.

#### What Information Was Involved?

The information identified in the involved systems includes your name and Social Security number or taxpayer identification number.

# What We Are Doing?

Peddie takes this incident and the security of the information in our care very seriously. Upon discovering the incident, we took steps to assess and secure our network and we worked with third-party cybersecurity specialists to determine what happened. We also reported the incident to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Peddie also has implemented additional security measures within the network and is reviewing and revising its policies and procedures to reduce the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future. As an added precaution, Peddie is offering you access to credit monitoring services for [Extra2] months at no cost. Information on the credit monitoring services and instructions on how to activate it may be found in the attachment to this letter. Please note, due to privacy restrictions, we are unable to automatically enroll you in the complimentary monitoring services.

#### What You Can Do?

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors over the next 12 to 24 months. Please also review the information contained in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Protect Personal Information*.

#### **For More Information**

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact us at 833-918-1723 Monday through Friday from 8am to 8pm Central Time, excluding major U.S. holidays. Be prepared to provide engagement number [Engagement Number]. You may also write to Peddie at 201 S Main St, Hightstown, NJ 08520.

Sincerely,

Sanjeev Puri Assistant Head of Finance and Operations

# **Steps You Can Take To Protect Personal Information**

# **Enroll in Monitoring Services**

To help protect your identity, we are offering a complimentary [Extra1]-month membership of Experian's IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup>. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To activate your membership and start monitoring your personal information please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll by**: **August 30**, **2024** (Your code will not work after this date.)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: https://www.experianidworks.com/credit
- Provide your **activation code**: ABCDEFGHI

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 1-833-918-1723 by **August 30**, **2024**. Be prepared to provide engagement number **[Engagement Number]** as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

# Additional details regarding your [Extra1]-month Experian IdentityWorks Membership

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks.

You can contact Experian **immediately** regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- Experian credit report at signup: See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian file for indicators of fraud.
- Identity Restoration: Identity Restoration agents are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

#### **Monitor Your Accounts**

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order a free credit report, visit <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. Consumers may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of their credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If consumers are the victim of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer's express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in a consumer's name without consent. However, consumers should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application they make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, consumers cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on their credit report. To request a credit freeze, individuals may need to provide some or all of the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial, as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Addresses for the prior two to five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, etc.); and
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if they are a victim of identity theft.

Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert or a credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/	https://www.experian.com/	https://www.transunion.com/
personal/credit-report-services/	help/	credit-help
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O.
105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-	9554, Allen, TX 75013	Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
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Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O.	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O.
105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

#### **Additional Information**

As a best practice, consumers should change all passwords to their personal accounts on a regular basis, use strong passwords, and refrain from using the same password for multiple accounts. Consumers may further educate themselves regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps they can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or their state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; <a href="https://www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. Consumers can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Consumers have the right to file a police report if they ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will likely need to provide some proof that they have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and the relevant state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For District of Columbia residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001; (202) 442-9828; and oag.dc.gov.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-576-6300 or 1-888-743-0023; and https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/.

For New Mexico residents, consumers have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in their credit file has been used against them, the right to know what is in their credit file, the right to ask for their credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting bureaus must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to consumers' files is limited; consumers must give consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; consumers may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance based on information in their credit report; and consumers may seek damages from violators. Consumers may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active-duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage consumers to review their rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

*For New York residents*, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or https://ag.ny.gov.

For North Carolina residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and www.ncdoj.gov.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; www.riag.ri.gov; and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, individuals have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this event. There are approximately 6 Rhode Island residents that may be impacted by this event.