Dear Team Members,

As we come to the close of the school year, I want to take this opportunity to provide you with an update regarding the personal data security incident that occurred April 12. I want to assure you that this incident continues to be a top priority for me and the District team.

To date, we have contacted the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Internet Crime Complaint Center, Arizona Attorney General's Office, Arizona Department of Revenue, Phoenix Police Department, Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS), and the Consumer Protection Agency to report the incident. We continue to work with these agencies to ensure that we are providing you with updated information to protect your personal information.

Last month, a letter was mailed to you at your home address that outlined how you can sign up for a one-year membership of Experian's ProtectMyID Alert using a personalized "engagement number." This service helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection support focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. If you did not receive the letter, or you misplaced it, please send an e-mail with your name and address to finance.announcements@wesdschools.org. We will forward your information to our insurance carrier, so that you can be mailed a new letter with your personalized engagement number.

Additionally, the letter also provided information about a call center (1-877-237-7408) that has been established to answer frequently asked questions (FAQs) concerning the incident. These FAQS and all of the communiques we've provided since the incident began can be found on the WESD Web Site. You will see a link called "Personal Data Security Incident" under the heading "quick links." These FAQs are updated as we field questions here and at the call center.

Included in the FAQs are resources for protecting your personal identification. I hope that you have taken the time to review these options, particularly the 90-day fraud alert and the information regarding the IRS. Whether you have filed your taxes for 2015 or not, we recommend that you complete and submit IRS form 14039.

We are very sorry this has occurred. We will support you while we all deal with the aftermath of this theft. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns, even during the summer months, please contact David Velazquez at 602-347-3506 or finance.announcements@wesdschools.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Stanton Superintendent