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Dear Students, Parents, and Staff Members,

We want to inform you about a recent cybersecurity incident involving Canvas, an online learning management system used by many colleges and universities.

Currently, Union County High School is the only school that uses Canvas as their primary system. Some of our teachers and students access Canvas through partnerships with colleges and universities with the Dual Credit offerings.

What Happened?

A Cybercrime group known as Shinyhunters gained unauthorized access to certain data stored in Canvas/Instructure. The public reports indicate that information such as names, email addresses, student ID numbers, and some course related messages have been exposed.

What is the risk?

Phishing attempts are the largest risk. The main concern is that attackers may use exposed contact information to send fake emails or messages that look like they come from a trusted or reliable source (schools, colleges, and Canvas).

What are the recommended actions?

- Be cautious with emails and messages related to Canvas and dual credit classes
- Never share your password or login code
- Do not click links or download attachments from unknown or unexpected sources
- Report suspicious messages to your teachers, administrators, or IT Department

Next Steps:

We are actively monitoring updates from Canvas/Instructure, Indiana Department of Education, and our partners in Higher Education.

- Our internal school systems (Power School) has not been affected
- No action required from student that do not use Canvas
- We will continue to provide updates if the risk changes

As a final reminder, neither our school nor any legitimate institution will ask you to send passwords or sensitive information by email or message. Treat any such request as suspicious.

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