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Surry County Schools Experiences Cyberattack

Dobson, NC — On the evening of Monday, July 6, 2020, Surry County Schools learned that it was the subject of a ransomware cyberattack. Our technology team responded immediately to contain the attack and prevent further incidents. We are working closely with law enforcement and cybersecurity experts, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the North Carolina Department of Information Technology, the National Guard Forensics Team, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, and MCNC, the internet contract provider for K-12 schools, colleges, and universities. Due to the nature of the investigation, we are not allowed to share specific details regarding the attack; however, at this time, we have no indication that any sensitive data was accessed inappropriately. Although the cyberattack has created some inconveniences, general operations have continued.

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