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Newport Board of Education
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Madame Chairman and Members of the Board:

In accordance with 702 KAR 1:170, I am acknowledging to the board that the Data Breach and Security Best Practice Guide has been reviewed and we continue to implement security best practices to secure personal information security across our network and systems for the 2025-26 school year. We are required to provide this acknowledgement by August 31 of each year.

Key components in our efforts to maintain robust data security are the continued use of Multi-Factor Authentication and Conditional Access rules to prevent unauthorized logins to our accounts. We are currently among the first districts in the state working to implement the CUES project (Combined User Experience) that will help to further secure user accounts as well as automate account activation and deactivation. Additionally, in this past year we have continued to take advantage of free tools that scan the dark web for evidence of leaked or compromised district e-mail addresses or credentials.

As always, we continue to educate all incoming employees on data security and privacy practices, and provide reminders and updates to all staff throughout the year. Heightening user awareness and instilling use of best practices is a key factor in protecting district data.

Please contact me with any questions regarding our data security practices and responsibilities.

Thank you,

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