



**School District No. 5
Office of the District Principal of
Transformative Learning**

MEMO

From: Jennifer Roberts
Date: June 1, 2019
Re: Security Breach

School District No. 5 Southeast Kootenay encountered a Cyber Incident on January 23, 2019.

Computers at the School Board Office and the Fernie Learning Center were infected with the Emotet Virus. Information on the Emotet Virus can be found on the following websites:

- [Canadian Centre for Cyber Security](#)
- [Emotet Virus Information](#)

The Emotet Virus was contained to the original infected network at the Board Office and all computers were immediately shut off, wiped and re-imaged.

We have now come to understand that during this cyber-attack, the email files from the infected computers were jeopardized. The staff that were in the Board Office and the Fernie Learning Center on January 23, with their Outlook open, had their emails compromised.

The Malware was able to obtain email files from the infected computers and these emails may be forwarded onto other people with contaminated Malware attachments.

Risks from this cyber-attack may include disclosure of:

- Personal information
- Salary
- Confidential information
- Contact information – such as address/phone number/email address

We believe the risk is directed at emails being forwarded with Malware attachments with the intent to spread the Emotet Virus and not for the purpose of disclosing or using the personal information that may be found in the emails. Another Cybersecurity solution product has been purchased to reduce future risk of emails being compromised, this will also include Cybersecurity training for our staff.

We are still investigating the incident and will release more information as it becomes available.

Please see the link below for information regarding cyber incidents and steps to follow if you believe you have been affected. [Cyber Incidents](#). More information is available at the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner at 250-387-5629 1.800.663.7867 email: info@oipc.bc.ca website: www.oipc.bc.ca.

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