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KSA Data Incident

SURREY, BC –

In late January, the Kwantlen Student Association (KSA) experienced an attack from a Ransomware program that encrypted a number of internal documents preventing staff from being able to access them. At this time there is no evidence that there has been a loss of any personal information or breaches in privacy. Ransomware is primarily designed to prevent users from accessing information that has been encrypted by the software, not transmitting the data offsite.

As soon as the KSA was able to identify what was going on, we immediately began pulling affected systems off the network to prevent the further spread of ransomware to more machines. An independent security company was contacted to assist with recovering the data on the affected systems. All the information impacted by the ransomware has been returned to the KSA, and we are continuing to work toward restoring internal systems to full functionality.

The KSA will be enlisting the assistance of cybersecurity professionals to consult on upgrading internal systems in order to prevent similar situation from arising in the future.

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