



Instructure cybersecurity incident

Attention: students/families enrolled in Spirit eLearning School (2020-2023)

Out of an abundance of caution and in alignment with our commitment to data privacy, we are notifying Prairie Spirit students, families, and staff of a third-party cybersecurity incident involving Instructure, the company that owns Canvas.

This incident **may** impact:

- former Spirit eLearning School students and their parents/caregivers (if parents signed up as “observers” of their children in Spirit eLearning School)
- Prairie Spirit staff members who have used Canvas to register for Division professional development

Students

If a student was not enrolled in Spirit eLearning School, there is no impact.

Prairie Spirit’s online learning school – Spirit eLearning School – used Canvas to manage online instruction from 2020 to 2023. Students who were enrolled in Spirit eLearning School **may** have had their names, Division email addresses, and student ID numbers accessed as part of the breach. Those parents who signed up as “observers” of their children while enrolled in Spirit eLearning may also have had their names and email addresses exposed.

Staff

Prairie Spirit uses the Canvas program for managing registrations for the Division’s professional development opportunities. The Division started using Canvas in 2023.

If a staff member did not use Canvas to enrol in PD, their information is not part of this cybersecurity incident.

Because the Division uses single sign on for Canvas, the staff member’s main Prairie Spirit password remains secure. The information that may have been accessed in this incident would be the staff member’s Division email address and name.

Next steps

At this time, Instructure/Canvas recommends that it is always best practice to be cautious of unexpected emails or messages referencing this incident, avoid clicking suspicious links, and report anything unusual to the Division’s [Help Desk](#).

The investigation into this incident is ongoing and updates will be provided. Instructure provides more information at: [Security Incident Update & FAQs | Instructure](#)