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Dear Northland Online School Families,

We want to inform you about two important matters related to online safety.

First, someone has recently contacted families through FaceTime while pretending to be a Northland Online School teacher. These calls did not come from our staff. To protect your privacy, please remember that staff will only contact families through:

- Northland School Division email addresses
- School phone numbers (calls or texts)
- Our official Facebook Messenger
- Zoom video conferencing

If you receive a suspicious message or call, do not respond. Contact Principal Mark Burke at 780-783-1317.

We also want to update you on a development related to PowerSchool's December 2024 cybersecurity breach. PowerSchool has informed us that a threat actor is using previously stolen data to contact school divisions. This is not believed to be a new breach. PowerSchool is working with cybersecurity experts and law enforcement in both Canada and the United States.

As a reminder, PowerSchool offered two years of free credit monitoring and identity protection to all students and staff. We encourage you to use these services. More information is available at: <https://www.powerschool.com/security/sis-incident/notice-of-canada-data-breach/>.

We are sharing this update to keep families informed and to support safe learning environments. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools/CEO  
Northland School Division