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# Message to the College

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Dear Colleagues,

Today's update is in video format, please click on the link below to access. Also below is the press release to be sent out today. I want all of you to have an opportunity to read it prior to it being released to the media.

In addition, let's all honor our students, faculty, classified professionals, and managers that have served our country in the time of war on this Veterans Day. We are grateful to all of you for protecting the freedoms we enjoy in our great country.

A message from the President (Video)

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## PRESS RELEASE

In the early morning hours of October 2, 2022, Hartnell College was the victim of a sophisticated ransomware attack. The investigation is ongoing; however, it was determined that certain segments of the network were accessed during the incident. In an abundance of caution, data located in potentially impacted network locations was reviewed to identify the type of information contained therein.

"The third-party investigation confirmed that personal information was present in the impacted network locations," said Hartnell President and Superintendent Michael Gutierrez. "We take privacy and security very seriously and will actively work to mitigate any risk to those affected." Gutierrez added that the college appreciates everyone's patience during this time.

In the coming weeks, potentially impacted individuals will be receiving a written notification letter, including an offering for twenty-four months of complimentary credit monitoring and identity theft protection services.

Network updates, including information for students will be provided daily on the college website.

Please direct all media inquiries to communications@hartnell.edu.

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