

Dakota College at Bottineau (DCB) has recently been notified by the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) of a data breach that involved personal student data that the Clearinghouse maintains on behalf of the vast majority of US higher education institutions. According to NSC, an unauthorized third party obtained certain files, including DCB student data files, transferred by NSC through the MOVEit Transfer tool, a file transfer software product.

Upon learning of this vulnerability, NSC launched an investigation and took steps to secure its systems. This incident took place within NSC's system and not within the campus system. DCB internal data systems for student and alumni records are secure and have not been impacted by this cybersecurity incident.

At this time, NSC has provided no further details or specific information about the data that were affected. NSC has informed us that it is working with a third-party vendor to review affected files and identify individuals whose personal information appears in the files. Once the review is complete, NSC has indicated it will provide us with a list of affected individuals. At that time, we will work with NSC to notify any individuals impacted.

The NSC has provided the following link for individuals to monitor the incident:
<http://alert.studentclearinghouse.org/>