



ELIMINATING THE LEARNING GAP  
FOR DISADVANTAGED URBAN CHILDREN

## Memo

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**To:** Current and Former Yalow Students & Parents

**From:** Alec Diacou, Executive Director

**Date:** May 30, 2022

**Re:** Illuminate Education Data Breach

Dear parent/guardian, eligible students and former students:

In accordance with State Education Law 2-d we are required to notify you when a third-party contractor that receives student data or teacher or principal data pursuant to a contract or written agreement with us had an unauthorized release of such data. As such, this notice is to inform you that Illuminate Education, an educational software company which products are used in our charter school, has informed us that some databases containing potentially protected student information were subject to unauthorized access between December 28, 2021, and January 8, 2022. The Illuminate Education product used by our charter school was IO Classroom.

According to Illuminate Education the affected databases included names, demographic and academic information. The following data was accessed: name, OSIS number, birth date, sex. The data accessed pertains to the following school years, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Affected current students and former students for which we have contact information will receive a letter from us/Illuminate Education with more information on the information accessed. Illuminate Education will notify you via email that they will provide you with identity monitoring.

Student privacy is of the utmost importance to our charter school. We are monitoring this incident closely and will keep you apprised if there are changes to the situation.