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**DATE:** April 26, 2023

**TO:** All Staff of New Bedford Public Schools

**FROM:** The Office of Human Capital Services

**RE: Unemployment Fraud**

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Recently we have experienced an increase in fraud targeting the state's unemployment insurance program. When this occurs, it indicates that your personal data including your name and social security number may have been compromised. For your protection we wanted to bring this matter to your attention, as well as to immediately increase your awareness and vigilance in dealing with your personal financial affairs.

For each unemployment claim received, the office of Human Capital Services verifies the employee's name and social security number for accuracy. If an employee is still actively employed with New Bedford Public Schools a "red flag" will be raised. In those cases, we would contact the employee, via NBPS email, to verify if a claim had indeed been submitted. If the employee has not filed a claim, the state would be notified that this may be a fraudulent claim.

In some cases of fraud, the employee will receive a notice directly from a state unemployment office regarding a claim you did not file. Should this occur, you should immediately contact the unemployment office and follow their instructions to report the fraudulent claim. The link to report fraud or to learn more about unemployment fraud from the Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance can be found here: [MA Unemployment Fraud](#). In addition, we ask you to inform the office of Human Capital Services by emailing Alicia Lewis at [alewis@newbedfordschools.org](mailto:alewis@newbedfordschools.org).

