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INVESTIGATOR:

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HEALTH INFORMATION CUSTODIAN:

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION GIVING RISE TO REVIEW:

A Psychologist (the Psychologist) working for a school board contacted the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario (the IPC) to advise that a break-in at his home resulted in the theft of a laptop. The IPC opened a file and worked with the Psychologist to fulfill his obligations under the *Personal Health and Information Protection Act* (the Act).

RESULTS OF REVIEW:

The Psychologist provided the following information.

The Psychologist's home was broken into and a laptop computer containing the personal health information of four students was stolen from his locked car that was parked in his garage. The information about the students was contained in four psychological reports and included information about their parents, teacher assessments, educational testing results and diagnosis.

The Psychologist advised the IPC that the police were given the serial numbers of the laptop but that to date, it had not been located. The laptop was password protected in keeping with board procedures which stipulate that laptops must be password protected with a password that only the user has knowledge of.

In order to fulfill his obligations under section 12(2) of the *Act* to notify the affected individuals, the Psychologist stated that the parents of the four children were contacted by phone to advise them of the theft.

On the basis of the above, it was determined that further review of this matter was not warranted and the file was closed.

Original signed by: _____
Ann Cavoukian, Ph.D.
Commissioner

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