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Corrective Action Plan

FINDING: A CASH SHORTAGE OF 34,562 EXISTED IN THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 2024

Response and Corrective Action Plan Prepared by:

Kristi Yates, Blount County Schools Chief Financial Officer; John Herron, Blount County Schools Technology Supervisor

Person Responsible for Implementing the Corrective Action:

Kristi Yates, Blount County Schools Chief Financial Officer; John Herron, Technology Supervisor

Anticipated Completion Date of Corrective Action:

The payroll system change was implemented September 22, 2024. All other corrective action was implemented in June of 2024.

Repeat Finding: No

Planned Corrective Action:

The breach occurred because an employee's Google account with the stored password for the payroll system was compromised. Immediate action was taken to change all stored passwords for the breached account and the Google password. A new policy was instituted to require two-factor authentication for the Google accounts of the central office and administrative employees. We notified all individuals whose information might have been compromised by the breach. The county has now moved to a new payroll system that requires two-factor authentication for all accounts. In addition, a report of direct deposit changes is being run each payroll to check for anomalous entries.

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