



Good afternoon, VVA Professional Learning Community.

We are writing to share the latest update regarding the recent security incident experienced by Instructure, the provider of our Canvas learning management system.

Following the latest phase of Instructure's forensic investigation by its cybersecurity teams, Instructure has officially confirmed that Virtual Virginia's Canvas instance was NOT impacted. Based on these findings, no Virtual Virginia student, parent, professional learning, or educator data was accessed or compromised. While our initial alerts were sent out of an abundance of caution, the forensic data to date clears our VVA instance of the Canvas LMS.

Important Clarifications Regarding This Update

- **Virtual Virginia Accounts Are Safe:** This all-clear applies strictly to students, parents, and teachers participating directly in Virtual Virginia (VVA) programs.
- **Local School Division Canvas Instances:** Many local school divisions in Virginia operate their own independent Canvas platforms separate from ours. Because those environments are distinct, some local divisions may have been affected.
- **What Division Leaders and Families Should Do:** If you use Canvas for local, non-VVA courses, your school division will handle any necessary updates. Division leaders should continue to coordinate directly with their Instructure Customer Success Manager (CSM).

Thank you all so much for your patience over the past few weeks while we actively monitored Instructure's investigation. We expect this to conclude our tracking of the matter, but we will share any further significant updates as they become available from the vendor. Protecting your privacy and security remains our highest priority.

Sincerely,

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