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## DATA BREACH AT THE MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉDUCATION

In February of this year, the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur announced that personal information concerning teachers had been stolen. Everyone who has taught or is currently teaching in Quebec may have been affected.

Letters are currently sent by the Ministère to all concerned, about 360,000 people, informing them of the measures to take to protect themselves and the resources available. The government also offers them to pay for the services of a credit monitoring company for a period of 5 years. Please note that people who are covered by the protection service offered by Desjardins are already protected.

It is believed that 51,400 people are affected, although the investigation is still ongoing. There is no list of names available, anyone who may have been affected should thus remain vigilant, but without panicking.

→ If you believe you may have had your identity stolen or may have been a victim of fraud, you should contact your municipal police department.

→ If you have not received any letter on **August 13, 2020**, you may contact the Ministère at **1 866 747-6626**.

→ Please visit the following page for further information:

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/education/data-breach-ministere-education/>

AREF will keep following developments and we would like to assure all members that no data held by AREF has been stolen.