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## **Arizona Treasurer Kimberly Yee's Statement on ESA Cybersecurity Incident**

“As background, my office contracts with financial service firms and companies to meet the banking and financial service needs of state agencies. As such, the ESA program is contracted via my office, but the day-to-day management of the ESA program is the sole responsibility of the Arizona Department of Education.

As the contract administrator, my office was first made aware of a data breach earlier this month. We immediately notified our office's outside legal counsel, who then referred the matter to the Arizona Attorney General's Office. My office also immediately contacted the Arizona Department of Homeland Security and has adhered to all necessary protocols for identifying and, with the assistance of cyber security professionals, immediately responding to, stopping, and mitigating the breach. My office's outside counsel also immediately notified the Arizona Department of Education of the referrals to the Attorney General and Homeland Security.

We have received verbal confirmation from Homeland Security that the breach did not originate with the vendor. We have also been provided assurances from Homeland Security that the vendor and my office have responded appropriately to the incident. Based on information received, we are not aware of any existing data breach and have confidence that the ESA platform is secure.

At this time, we will defer to the Arizona Department of Homeland Security and await its final findings.”

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