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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In support of our mission to offer students the necessary tools and information to ensure their education success, I am writing to provide you with important information regarding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which affects the release of student education records to third parties, including parents.

The release of student education records by the district to a third party, other than a district department or official, is generally prohibited without the parent's or guardian's written permission. There are limited circumstances under which student education may be released to a third party without the student's written permission, and those are outlined in detail in FERPA Policy, which may be accessed online at <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/fpco/ferpa/parents.html>. This letter tells how permission can be given and why it should be considered seriously by parents and guardians.

Educational agencies and institutions subject to FERPA may not have a policy or practice of disclosing education records, or personally identifiable information from education records, without consent except as authorized by state law. Specifically, FERPA provides that a school generally may not disclose personally identifiable information from a student's education records to a third party unless the student has provided prior written consent. [34 CFR-§99.3](#) "Education records."

We encourage parents, guardians, and students to use this online service, which we hope will be helpful in fostering communication that facilitates a rewarding and successful educational experience for all our students.

Sincerely,



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Federal Programs Director