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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In support of our mission to provide students with the necessary tools and information to ensure their educational success, I am writing to inform you of important information regarding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which governs 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 permission of the parent or guardian. There are limited circumstances under which student education may be released to a third party without the student's written consent, and these are outlined in detail in the FERPA Policy, which can be assessed online at <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/ferpa> or read in detail within the "Model of Notification of Rights Under FERPA for Schools." This letter explains how permission can be granted and why it should be taken 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 those records without consent, except as authorized by law. Specifically, FERPA provides that a school generally may not disclose personally identifiable information from students' 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 utilize this online service, which will facilitate effective communication and contribute to a rewarding and successful educational experience for all our students.

Respectfully,

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