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California Department of Education FAQ

Recently, the U.S. District Court- Eastern District of California, in the case *Morgan Hill Concerned Parents Association v. California Department of Education*, ordered the California Department of Education to release the records of more than 10 million students throughout the state to the lawyers representing the plaintiffs.

The case centers on plaintiffs' allegation that special needs students in Santa Clara County have not received a legally required level of public education. In order to confirm this point, plaintiffs are seeking access to statewide records in order to compare.

In wanting to empower our parent/guardian community, we are providing you with answers to frequently asked questions.

Q. How do I know if my student's records will be released?

A. The released records will impact students who have attended a California public school as far back as January 1, 2008.

Q. What type of records is the California Department of Education being ordered to release?

A. Records include names, medical information, home addresses, disciplinary records, progress reports, and some Social Security numbers.

Q. How can I make sure my student's records are not released?

A. Parents/guardians can file a written objection to the release of records by submitting a written objection by April 1, 2016.

To access the written objection form: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/ws/documents/form2016jan26.pdf>

Letters or Objection forms should be mailed to the Honorable Kimberly J. Mueller c/o Clerk of the Court, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, 501 I Street, Room 4-200, Sacramento, CA, 95814.

Submission of the letter does not guarantee that the records will not be released, as the ultimate decision will be at the discretion of the court.

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