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Dear Parent or Guardian,

This is to make you aware of a recent court case in which the California Department of Education (CDE) has been ordered by the courts to release all student data that the CDE has collected on students since January 1, 2008. We want to inform you of East Side Union High School District's commitment to maintaining student privacy and ways that as a parent, guardian or caregiver, you can object to the disclosure of student data. ESUHSD was not involved in the lawsuit, nor is it the subject of any of the suit's allegations. ESUHSD is not involved in the release of this data nor the collection of the Objection Forms. Also of note, ESUHSD does not identify students by social security numbers; instead, ESUHSD uses a state-issued unique student identification number.

This notice may apply to you if you are: the parent or guardian of a child (including an infant) with disabilities; the parent or guardian of a student who is attending or attended a California school at any time since January 1, 2008; or a person over the age of eighteen who is attending or attended a California school at any time since January 1, 2008.

Parents, guardians, and some former students over 18 can object to the release of personally identifiable information to plaintiffs in a court case, Morgan Hill Concerned Parents Association vs. California Department of Education.

Plaintiffs in the case have sought numerous documents and data stored in databases maintained by the California Department of Education (CDE).

The court order can be found here:

Notice of Disclosure of Student Records <<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/ws/documents/order2016jan26.pdf>> (PDF).

A person can object by printing out, completing, and mailing to the court the "Objection to Disclosure of Student Information and Records Case No. 2:11-CV-03471" form below:

Objections to Disclosure of Student Records <<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/ws/documents/order2016jan26.pdf>>

Alternatively, a parent, guardian, or former student can write a confidential letter to the judge, including the name of the student on whose behalf the letter is written, the author's name and relationship to the student, the student's date of birth, county, school district, and school, and, if desired, the basis of your objection.

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.

For questions or more information, please visit East Side Union High School District's website at <http://www.esuhsd.org/> or contact Student Services at 408-347-5331.

Sincerely,

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