



FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Interim Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parent:

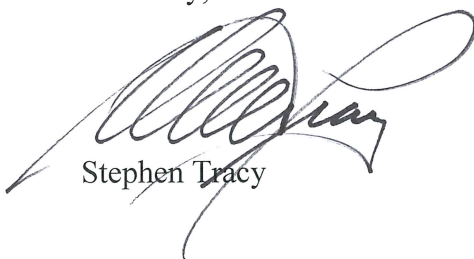
The recent Connecticut State Law (PA 16-189) regarding student data privacy requires school districts to inform parents of any contracts with technology providers that involve the collection or storage of student information or student-generated content. These companies are also required to comply with various conditions set forth in the law for any contracts signed after October 1, 2016 – including the requirement to inform the district immediately in the event of any breach of the security related to student data.

As a district, we collect student data such as: name, address, phone number, age, results from local, state, and national assessments, surveys, attendance, grades, and participation in school-sponsored activities. We need to collect this data to ensure student safety and to report to various constituencies; to provide students, parents, and staff and other constituencies important information about school performance; to evaluate and improve school programs; and to analyze feedback about student performance and participation to enable students to succeed in school.

The new legislation requires the district to inform parents of these contracts including the type of student data or student generated content being collected. The Fairfield Public Schools strive to be clear about what data we collect, how that data supports your child's education, and the safeguards in place to protect the data. That information is available on our district website, www.fairfieldschools.org.

Please know that we are very serious about protecting your child's data. We follow federal and state education privacy laws, adhere to privacy and security policies, and require all of our online service providers to adhere to these same federal and state privacy laws. Neither the district policy nor the state law includes a provision for parents to decline participation in the use of online data collection for their child. We believe that the collection of student data by our district and our online service providers is essential to providing a quality education to every child and take every precaution to protect that data.

Sincerely,



Stephen Tracy

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