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Administrative Letter A087

Protection of Pupil Right Amendment (PPRA)

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SUBJECT: Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

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Statute: 20 U.S.C. § 1232h. Regulations: 34 CFR Part 98.

ALL ADMINISTRATION PLEASE READ and Distribute to your staff…

In summary you must provide parents with notice of their rights under PPRA if you intend to have any student submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the eight protected areas listed below. The notice must explain that the school is required to obtain prior written consent from parents before students are required to submit to a survey. A notice provided at the beginning of the school year identifying the specific or approximate date(s) of the survey, giving the parents the right to review, upon request, any instructional materials used in connection with any survey, and a statement in the notice that explains the child may opt out of participating, will meeting this requirement. A model PPRA general notification on the Department of Education website at:
https://www.ed.gov/search?search_api_fulltext=ppra

PPRA applies to the programs and activities of all schools in our District. It governs the administration to students of a survey, analysis or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight protected areas:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- Sex behavior or attitudes;
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;

- Critical appraisals of other individuals with who respondents have close family relationships;
- Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent; or
- Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

PPRA also concerns marketing surveys and other areas of student privacy, parental access to information and the administration of certain physical examinations to minors. The rights under PPRA transfer from the parents to a student who is 18-years-old or an emancipated minor under state law.