

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Pursuant to Minnesota Rules 3535.2500, each school board shall annually submit to the Commissioner of Education, a statement of compliance with state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination and provide the designated supporting information to assure that statement. Complete this form as directed and submit it to the Minnesota Department of Education annually by November 15. Retain a copy for your files.

**IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION**

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| <u>Belle Plaine Public Schools</u> |                       | <u>0716-01</u>      |
| School District Name               |                       | District Number     |
| <u>Dr. Ryan Laager</u>             | <u>Superintendent</u> | <u>952-873-2400</u> |
| Name of District Contact           | Title                 | Telephone No.       |

**STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE**

The undersigned hereby affirm that the above named school district is in compliance with the following state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination:

**Federal Laws**

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d, et. seq.; 34 C.F.R. Part 100), which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the district receives federal financial assistance.
2. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000e, et. seq.; P.L. 88-352), as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), which prohibits discrimination in employment because of an individual's race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
3. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Pregnancy Discrimination Act (within Title VII) (42 USC § 2000e(k)).
4. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC § 1681; 34 C.F.R. Part 106), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
5. The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (29 USC § 621; 42 USC § 6101; 29 C.F.R. Part 621), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age (over 40 years).
6. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (34 C.F.R. part 104) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.
7. The American with Disabilities Act (42 USC § 12101, et seq.), also prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.
8. Denial of Equal Educational Opportunity Prohibited (20 USC § 1703).
9. The Fair Housing Act (42 USC § 3601 et seq.; 24 C.F.R. part 100).
10. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC § 6101 and 6102; 34 C.F.R. part 110).
11. Prohibition of Discrimination Based on Blindness (20 USC § 1684).

**State Laws**

1. The Minnesota Human Rights Act (Minn. Stat. § 363A), which prohibits discrimination in education programs and activities on grounds of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, disability or age.
2. Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.031, which requires school districts to have a written policy to prevent and to prohibit student bullying.
3. Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.03, which requires school districts to have a policy prohibiting sexual/racial/religion harassment and violence which applies to students, teachers, administrators and other school personnel.
4. Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.04, which prohibits sex discrimination in athletic programs.
5. Minnesota Rules, part 3500.0550, relating to the Inclusive Educational Program Plan.
6. Minnesota Rules, Chapter 3535.0100-.0180; 3535.2300-.2800; 3535.3000-.3700, relating to equality of educational opportunity and school desegregation, and prohibition of discriminatory practices.

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts, or other federal and state financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the district by the U.S. Department of Education and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), including installment payments after such date of application for federal financial assistance and state aid allotments which were approved before such date. The district recognizes and agrees that such federal and state financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations, supporting information required by Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.42, subdivision 3, and agreements made in this assurance. This assurance is binding on the district and the person whose signature appears below and who is authorized to sign on behalf of the district.

Furthermore, the undersigned hereby affirms that access to, or a current copy of, each of these laws is available in each building in the district and that parents, district staff, and students have been informed annually and in writing of how they may access these laws free of charge. Additionally, the undersigned hereby affirms that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete.

Note: Charter schools are responsible for knowing which state requirements apply to them under Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10, Subd. 7-8.

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Signature - School District Superintendent

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Date

**This form may be signed electronically. MDE may request verification of an electronic signature.**