



BOARD MEETING DATE
May 20, 2013

STUDENT DATA PRIVACY RESOLUTION

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

There has been a dramatic increase in the collection of student information over the past decade. In 2008 and 2011, the U.S. Department of Education amended the regulations for the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) in ways that increased private company and third-party access to student data.

Student data collection is beneficial and necessary to a successful and evolving education system. Students' personal information, however, should not be widely available.

The purpose of the attached resolution is to make a statement in support of adequate oversight and control over student information and call upon the Oregon State Legislature to enact appropriate protections on behalf of students, their families and staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

(13-282) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Beaverton School Board discuss and approve the attached resolution.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Student Data Privacy
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Whereas student education records contain sensitive information including disciplinary records, counseling and health information, information about family members and economic circumstances, as well as academic information;

Whereas children are a vulnerable population at significantly higher risk for identity theft and data tampering than adults;

Whereas personally identifiable data that is held over time puts children at risk for their entire lifetime;

Whereas the Oregon Department of Education has established a statewide longitudinal database system (SLDS) that contains individual student records;

Whereas students and their families, and staff members have the right to know what information is collected about them, who will access that information and how that information will be used;

Whereas students should have the right to correct information in their education record that is inaccurate;

Whereas students should have the right to agree or disagree to share their personal data that is not required by state or federal law; and

Whereas the federal law relating to student data privacy, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, has been weakened by a rule change to allow data sharing of student personally identifiable information with private third parties without the knowledge or consent of students or their guardians;


Now therefore be it resolved that the Beaverton School Board calls upon the Oregon State Legislature to establish legislation to ensure strong student data privacy protections that will:

1. Require that students and their families, and staff members be informed about what information is collected about them, who has access to that information and how it will be used;
2. Give students and parents the opportunity to agree or refuse to share data that is not required by state or federal law; and
3. Allow students, parents and staff to correct information that is in error.

Adopted, this 20th day of May, 2013.



LeeAnn Larsen, School Board Chair



Jeff Rose, Superintendent