Students

Exhibit – Student Data Privacy; Notice to Parents About Educational Technology Vendors

Use the sample text below to provide notice to parents/guardians about educational technology vendors pursuant to the Student Online Personal Protection Act, 105 ILCS 85/28(e). Districts must provide this notice to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year through distribution of school handbooks or other means generally used by a district to provide such notices to parents/guardians.

Annual Notice to Parents about Educational Technology Vendors Under the Student Online Personal Protection Act

The District has contracts with educational technology vendors to support and enhance student learning and school operations.

Under Illinois' Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA), vendors that operate Internet websites, online services, online applications, or mobile applications that are designed, marketed, and primarily used for K-12 school purposes are called *operators*. SOPPA is intended to ensure that student data collected by operators is protected, and it requires those vendors, as well as school districts and the Ill. State Board of Education, to take actions to safeguard student data.

Depending upon the technology being used, the District may need to collect different types of student data, which is then shared with vendors through their online sites, services, and/or applications. SOPPA prohibits vendors from selling or renting a student's information or from engaging in targeted advertising using a student's information. Vendors may only disclose student data for K-12 school purposes and other limited purposes permitted under the law.

In general terms, the types of student data that may be collected and shared include personally identifiable information (PII) about students or information that can be linked to PII about students, such as:

- Basic identifying information, including student or parent/guardian name and student or parent/guardian contact information, username/password, student ID number
- Demographic information
- Enrollment information
- Assessment data, grades, and transcripts
- Attendance and class schedule
- Academic/extracurricular activities
- Special indicators (e.g., disability information, English language learner, free/reduced meals or homeless/foster care status)
- Conduct/behavioral data
- Health information
- Food purchases
- Transportation information
- In-application performance data
- Student-generated work
- Online communications
- Application metadata and application use statistics
- Permanent and temporary school student record information

Operators may collect and use student data only for K-12 purposes such as:

- Classroom instruction
- Administrative activities

- Collaboration between students, school personnel, and/or parents/guardians

Other activities that are for the use and benefit of the District

Approved: