PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS FOR DATA SECURITY AND PRIVACY

Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES (BOCES) is committed to protecting the privacy and security of personally identifiable information about students who attend BOCES instructional programs in accordance with applicable law, including New York State Education Law Section 2-d.

To further these goals, BOCES wishes to inform parents of the following:

- (1) A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial purposes.
- (2) Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record, including any student data maintained by the Capital Region BOCES. This right of inspection of records is consistent with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Under the more recently adopted regulations (Education Law §2-d), the rights of inspection are extended to include data, meaning parents have the right to inspect or receive copies of any data in their child's educational record. The New York State Education Department (SED) will develop further policies and procedures related to these rights in the future.

Requests to inspect and review a child's education record should be directed to: Data Protection Officer, dpo@neric.org, 900 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205.

- (3) State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information, and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls, and password protection, must be in place when data is stored or transferred.
- (4) A complete list of all student data elements collected by the State is available for public review at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/sirs/documentation/NYSEDstudentData.xlsx, or by writing to the Office of Information & Reporting Services, New York State Education Department, Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234.
- (5) Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints may be directed to the NYS Chief Privacy Officer by writing to the New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234. Complaints may also be directed to the Chief Privacy Officer via email at: CPO@mail.nysed.gov.

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