

Exhibit A

District's Parents' Bill of Rights

The privacy and security of personally identifiable student data are of paramount importance. Parents (includes legal guardians or persons in parental relationships) and Eligible Students (student 18 years and older) can expect the following:

A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial purposes. PII, as defined by Education Law § 2-d and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), includes direct identifiers such as a student's name or identification number, parent's name, or address; and indirect identifiers such as a student's date of birth, which when linked to or combined with other information can be used to distinguish or trace a student's identity. Please see FERPA's regulations at 34 CFR 99.3 for a more complete definition. State and federal laws (Education Law § 2-d, the Commissioner of Education's Regulations at 8 NYCRR Part 121, and FERPA), protect the confidentiality of students' personally identifiable information, and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, such as encryption, firewalls, and password protection, must be in place when such data is stored or transferred.

Consistent with the adoption by the New York State Legislature of the Common Core Implementation Reform Act of 2014, all parents have the following rights:

- To inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record, as defined in the District's Student Records policy;
- To access a complete list of all student data elements collected by the State, which is available for public review at <http://www.nysed.gov/data-privacy-security/student-data-inventory> or by writing to the Office of Information & Reporting Services, New York State Education Department, Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234;
- To have complaints about possible breaches of student data heard and determined. Complaints should be submitted to NYSED at <http://www.nysed.gov/data-privacy-security/report-improper-disclosure> or directed in writing to the Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234, or by email to the Chief Privacy Officer at privacy@nysed.gov or by telephone at (518) 474-0937. Complaint's can also be submitted to the District's Data Protection Officer at (845) 457-2400 or 944 State Route 17K, Montgomery, NY 12549.
- To be notified in accordance with applicable laws and regulations if a breach or unauthorized release of PII occurs.
- Educational agency workers that handle PII will receive training on applicable state and federal laws, policies, and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices that protect PII.
- Educational agency contracts with vendors that receive PII will address statutory and regulatory data privacy and security requirements.

* In the event the Commissioner of Education issues an enhanced Bill of Rights and/or promulgates regulations setting forth additional elements to be included in the Parents' Bill of Rights, the Valley Central School District reserves the right to revise this document accordingly.