## EASTERN SUFFOLK BOCES PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS FOR DATA SECURITY AND PRIVACY

Eastern Suffolk BOCES is committed to protecting the privacy and security of student, teacher, and principal data. In accordance with New York Education Law § 2-d, parents, legal guardians and persons in parental relation to a student are entitled to certain rights with regard to their child's personally identifiable information. The Agency wishes to inform the school community of the following rights:

- 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 maintained by Eastern Suffolk BOCES.
- 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.

Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed to:

Claudy Damus-Makelele
Associate Superintendent for Educational Services
Eastern Suffolk BOCES
201 Sunrise Highway
Patchogue, NY 11772
cdamus@esboces.org

Or in writing to:

Chief Privacy Officer
New York State Education Department
89 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12234.
CPO@mail.nysed.gov

## **Supplemental Information Regarding Third-Party Contractors:**

In the course of complying with its obligations under the law and providing educational services, Eastern Suffolk BOCES has entered into agreements with certain third-party contractors. Pursuant to such agreements, third-party contractors may have access to "student data" and/or "teacher or principal data." Each contract the Agency enters into with a third party contractor where the third party contractor receives student data or teacher or principal data will include information addressing the following:

1. The exclusive purposes for which the student data or teacher or principal data will be used;

Frontline Education's products are used by school districts and BOCES to achieve efficient and effective operations and the licensed products are only effective with the use of school data, including PII.

2. How the third party contractor will ensure that the subcontractors, persons or entities that the third party contractor will share the student data or teacher or principal data with, if any, will abide by data protection and security requirements;

Frontline Education does not share client data with any third-party contractors.

3. When the agreement expires and what happens to the student data or teacher or principal data upon expiration of the agreement;

Upon expiration of this Agreement without a successor agreement in place, Customer may request that Frontline delete all protected data previously received from Customer or a participating school district that has not made alternative arrangements with Frontline to continue using Frontline Services. Frontline shall (at Customer's or the participating school district's expense) provide commercially reasonable support to Customer to extract data from Frontline Services in a format suitable for transfer to another service or platform.

4. If and how a parent, student, eligible student, teacher or principal may challenge the accuracy of the student data or teacher or principal data that is collected; and

Complaints should be directed to: the Associate Superintendent for Curriculum for your district; Or in writing to: Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234, CPO@mail.nysed.gov.

5. Where the student data or teacher or principal data will be stored (described in such a manner as to protect data security), and the security protections taken to ensure such data will be protected, including whether such data will be encrypted.

Student data transferred to Frontline by Customer or a participating school district will be stored in electronic format on systems maintained by Frontline or subcontractor of Frontline in a secure data center facility, or a data facility maintained by a board of cooperative educational services, in the United States. Frontline will take measures aligned with industry best practices and the NIST Cybersecurity Framework and reasonably designed to protect the privacy and security of protected data while it is stored in such facility. Such measures include, but are not necessarily limited to disk encryption, file encryption, firewalls, and password protection.

## Third Party Contractors are required to:

- 1. Provide training on federal and state law governing confidentiality to any officers, employees, or assignees who have access to student data or teacher or principal data;
- 2. Limit internal access to education records to those individuals who have a legitimate educational interest in such records.
- 3. Not use educational records for any other purpose than those explicitly authorized in the contract;
- 4. Not disclose personally identifiable information to any other party (i) without the prior written consent of the parent or eligible student; or (ii) unless required by statute or court order and the third-party contractor provides a notice of the disclosure to the New York State Education Department, board of education, or

- institution that provided the information no later than the time the information is disclosed, unless providing notice of the disclosure is expressly prohibited by the statute or court order;
- 5. Maintain reasonable administrative, technical and physical safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality and integrity of personally identifiable student information in its custody;
- 6. Use encryption technology to protect data while in motion or in its custody from unauthorized disclosure as specified in Education Law §2-d;
- 7. Notify Eastern Suffolk BOCES of any breach of security resulting in an unauthorized release of student data or teacher or principal data, in the most expedient way possible and without unreasonable delay;
- 8. Provide a data security and privacy plan outlining how all state, federal and local data security and privacy contract requirements will be implemented over the life of the contract;
- 9. Provide a signed copy of this Bill of Rights to Eastern Suffolk BOCES thereby acknowledging that they are aware of and agree to abide by this Bill of Rights.

This Bill of Rights is subject to change based on regulations of the Commissioner of Education and the New York State Education Department's Chief Privacy Officer, as well as emerging guidance documents.

A copy of this ESBOCES Parents' Bill of Rights must be made a part of Contractor's Data Security and Privacy Plan.