Bill A592: Prohibits Dissemination of Personal Student Information on the Internet Without Parental Consent

On January 8, 2002, Bill A592, as listed below, was passed by the legislature.

*Be It Enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

The board of education of each school district and the board of trustees of each charter school that establishes an Internet web site, shall not disclose on that web site any personally identifiable information about a student without receiving prior written consent from the student’s parent or guardian on a form developed by the Department of Education. The written consent form shall contain a statement concerning the potential dangers of personally identifiable information about individual students on the Internet.

As used in this act, "personally identifiable information" means student names, student photos, student addresses, student e-mail addresses, student phone numbers, and locations and times of class trips.

*This act shall take effect immediately.*

In accordance with Bill A592, the attached form is approved by the Department of Education and is the official form to be used for parent/guardian approval of student personal information to be posted to a school or district web site. As such, this form should be used immediately by all public schools in New Jersey.

Any personally identifiable student information currently on any district or school-based Internet site should be removed as soon as practicable if the parental consent form is not obtained from the student’s parent or legal guardian.

Parents or guardians must execute the consent form for all students before the school may post any student’s personally identifiable information or photograph on the Internet.

For any further questions or information contact the Office of Educational Technology at 609-292-3518.
Parental/Guardian Consent Form

We are sending you this parental consent form to both inform you and to request permission for your child's photo/image and personally identifiable information to be published on the district and/or school's web site.

As you are aware, there are potential dangers associated with the posting of personally identifiable information on a web site since global access to the Internet does not allow us to control who may access such information. These dangers have always existed; however, we as schools do want to celebrate your child and his/her work. The law requires that we ask for your permission to use information about your child.

Pursuant to law, we will not release any personally identifiable information without prior written consent from you as parent or guardian. Personally identifiable information includes student names, photo or image, residential addresses, e-mail address, phone numbers and locations and times of class trips.

If you, as the parent or guardian, wish to rescind this agreement, you may do so at any time in writing by sending a letter to the principal of your child's school and such rescission will take effect upon receipt by the school.

Check one of the following choices:

☐ I/We GRANT permission for a photo/image that includes this student without any other personal identifiers to be published on the school and/or district's public Internet site.

☐ I/We GRANT permission for this student’s photo/image and name to be published on the school and/or district’s public Internet site.

☐ I/We GRANT permission for this student’s photo/image and all other personal identifiers listed above to be published on the school and/or district’s public Internet site.

☐ I/We DO NOT GRANT permission for photo/image that includes this student to be published on the school and or district’s public Internet site.

Student's Name: (please print) ___________________________ Student's Grade: ___

Print name of Parent/Guardian: (print) ___________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian: (sign) ___________________________

Relation to Student: ___________________________

Date: ______________