

**Information Regarding the Morgan Hill Case
and the Release of Student Data**

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You may have been made aware of recent news and/or postings on social media concerning a recent lawsuit against the California Department of Education (“CDE”). Two non-profit associations, the Morgan Hill Concerned Parents Association and the Concerned Parent Association, filed a suit against the CDE that alleges widespread, systemic non-compliance with special education laws.

SUSD is not involved in the lawsuit and is not the subject of the lawsuit’s allegations, and therefore will not be releasing any student information.

The plaintiffs in the litigation have requested numerous documents, as well as student data collected and stored by CDE, which may include personally identifiable student information. As a result of the lawsuit, CDE has been ordered by the Court to release all of the requested data it has collected on all students since January 1, 2008.

To comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”), the CDE has been ordered to allow parents to object to the sharing of their child’s individual data. If you would like to have the CDE exclude your child please click on this link: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/morganhillcase>. The deadline to object is April 1, 2016.

For more information, please contact CDE directly at **(916) 319-0800**.