



## Contra Costa County Office of Education

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Karen Sakata, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We want to make you aware of a recent federal court ruling requiring the California Department of Education (CDE) to release all the general education and special education student data that CDE has collected since January 1, 2008. This data includes personal information including, but not limited to names, addresses, social security numbers, disciplinary records and health and mental health records. Parents, guardians and former students over the age of 18 have the right to object to the release of protected student personal information and records by notifying the court in writing by April 1, 2016.

To object to the disclosure of your student's information and records:

1. [Download the Objection to Disclosure form:](http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/ws/documents/form2016jan26.pdf)  
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2. **Mail the completed form, one for each student, to:**  
*United State District Judge Kimberly J. Mueller  
c/o Clerk of the Court Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse  
501 I Street, Room 4-200  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Attn: Document Filed Under Seal.*

***The deadline to submit objection forms is April 1, 2016. Do not fax or email the form, and do not phone or message – only hard-copy forms that are mailed will be accepted.***

Please note that the Contra Costa County Office of Education was not involved in the lawsuit, nor is it the subject of any of the suit's allegations. CCCOE is not involved in this release of data, nor collection of the objection form.

As way of background, in April 2012, two organizations, the Morgan Hill Concerned Parents Association and the Concerned Parent Association, filed a lawsuit against the CDE alleging widespread, systemic non-compliance by local education agencies with special education laws. The suit also alleges the CDE fails to monitor, investigate and correct such non-compliance in accordance with the law. The CDE denies these allegations and is actively defending the litigation.

For more information, visit: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/ws/morganhillcase.asp>. You may also contact the California Department of Education at 916-319-0800.

Sincerely,

Terry Koehne, Chief Communications Officer

