

California Department of Education Ordered to Release Student Data

Objection to Release of Student Data – Due April 1, 2016 - The California Department of Education (CDE) is currently involved in a lawsuit in which the court ordered CDE to produce confidential student information related to all students who have attended a California school since January 1, 2008, including students with disabilities. **This order may result in a release of your student's confidential information.** To object to this release of information, parents must fill out and mail an objection form to the court no later than **April 1, 2016**. The form and further information is available in both English and Spanish on the CDE's website at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/morganhillcase>.

While submitting a form will not guarantee your student's information will not be released, it is the only means for expressing an objection to the current order. The court also issued a Protective Order, which prohibits the plaintiff from disclosing any confidential information to anyone other than the parties, plaintiff's attorneys and/or consultants, and the court. Thus, in no event is the information permitted to be disclosed to the public generally or used for any reason outside of this lawsuit, and all information must be returned to the CDE or destroyed at the conclusion of the lawsuit.

Note that Santa Barbara County Education Office is not a party to the litigation and is not required to disclose any student data. **If you have any questions, please contact CDE directly at 916-319-0800.**