

## **PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS FOR DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY**

The Whitehall Central School District is committed to protecting the privacy and security of student data and teacher and principal data. In accordance with New York Education Law Section 2-d and its implementing regulations, the District informs the school community of the following:

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.
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 New York State is available for public review at the following website <http://www.nysed.gov/student-data-privacy/student-data-inventory> or by writing to the Office of Information and Reporting Services, New York State Education Department, Room 865 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234.
5. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed.
  - Contact Whitehall CSD's Data Protection Officer: **Mr. Michael Bennett, Coordinator for Network & Technology Services** by email: [mbennett@railroaders.net](mailto:mbennett@railroaders.net), or by phone: (518) 499-0480 . Complaints must be submitted in writing using the district form that is available on the Whitehall CSD website and at <http://www.railroaders.net>
  - Complaints may also be directed in writing to: Privacy Complaint, Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234. Complaints may also be submitted using the form available at the following website: <http://www.nysed.gov/student-data-privacy/form/report-improper-disclosure>.

## **APPENDIX**

### Supplemental Information Regarding Third-Party Contractors

In the course of complying with its obligations under the law and providing educational services to District residents, the Whitehall Central School District has entered into agreements with certain third-party contractors. Pursuant to these agreements, third-party contractors may have access to "student data" and/or "teacher or principal data," as those terms are defined by law and regulation.

For each contract or other written agreement that the District enters into with a third-party contractor where the third-party contractor receives student data or teacher or principal data from the District, the following supplemental information will be included with this Bill of Rights:

1. The exclusive purposes for which the student data or teacher or principal data will be used by the third-party contractor, as defined in the contract;
2. How the third-party contractor will ensure that the subcontractors, or other authorized persons or entities to whom the third-party contractor will disclose the student data or teacher or principal data, if any, will abide by all applicable data protection and security requirements, including but not limited to those outlined in applicable laws and regulations (e.g., FERPA; Education Law Section 2-d);
3. The duration of the contract, including the contract's expiration date, and a description of what will happen to the student data or teacher or principal data upon expiration of the contract or other written agreement (e.g., whether, when, and in what format it will be returned to the District, and/or whether, when, and how the data will be destroyed);
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;
5. Where the student data or teacher or principal data will be stored, described in a manner as to protect data security, and the security protections taken to ensure the data will be protected and data privacy and security risks mitigated; and

6. Address how the data will be protected using encryption while in motion and at rest.

## **APPENDIX B**

### **Additional Information & Resources on Student Data Privacy Protection**

If you would like more information about student privacy protection, please contact: Mr. Michael Bennett, Coordinator for Network & Technology Services at mbennett@railroaders.net or (518) 499-0480.

Information is also available on the following websites:

- [New York State Education Department - Data Privacy & Security Resources](#)
- [US Department of Education- Student Privacy Parent Resources](#)
- [US Department of Education Privacy Technical Assistance Center](#)
- [iKeepSafe Family Resources for Student Data Privacy](#)
- [Federal Trade Commission - Children's Data Privacy Protection](#)