

Dear Parents:

The District recently received an email from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson with information about pending lawsuits (known as the "Morgan Hill" cases). We believe similar emails were sent to every school district and SELPA in the state of California. Mr. Torlakson requested that we post a link on the district's website for parents' use in filing an objection to disclosure of information by the California Department of Education (CDE).

The email indicates various student records will be produced by CDE as part of those lawsuits. The court has ordered CDE to release the records under a protective order concerning their use. We understand these records contain personally identifiable information on a vast number of public education students. The District is not releasing these records but CDE will be releasing them. While the lawsuit is about compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 Programs, there is no indication that the information to be released by CDE pertains only to students engaged in one or more of those programs. We have no information about whether or not these records pertain to your student.

If you are interested in obtaining more information, the link (also posted on the district's website) is:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/ws/morganhillcase.asp>

Again, the District is not releasing these records; we are providing this notice to you so you can determine whether or not to object to the release of records by CDE."

Thanks for your time,

Paul Miller

Superintendent, Beardsley School District