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SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS REGARDING PARENT RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT TESTING OPT-OUT

Parents and Legal Guardians:

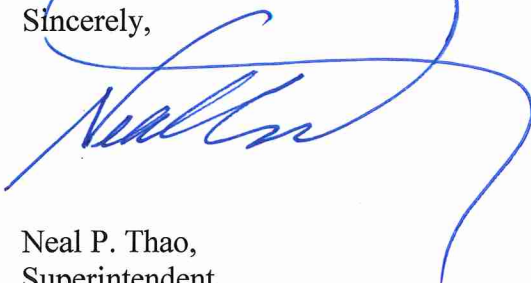
Under the new federal law, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), parents must be notified at the beginning of each school year that parents may request information about the state or LEA policy regarding student participation in any state or LEA mandated assessments, and the procedure, or right to opt-out of the assessment.

In addition to annually notifying parents, Minnesota schools have the responsibility for utilizing the state form created and developed by the commissioner when parents choose to Opt-out. The 2016 Minnesota Legislature required the commissioner to develop the form and outlined what information needs to be in the form. Please note that the Department of Education does not yet have the form developed. It is on their to-do list. Noble will notify you when the form is ready.

Last but not least, Noble’s administration and Board of Directors will continue to have conversation with our Authorizer, Audubon Center of the North Woods , to revise our academic goals in our school’s charter contract to meet the new requirements of the ESSA.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like more information or have any questions or concerns regarding the new federal law, ESSA.

Sincerely,



Neal P. Thao,
Superintendent