Subject: Protection of Pupil Rights

A. Williamson Central School affords the following rights to parents under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

1) To inspect, upon request, a survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed by a school to students.

2) To make arrangements for the protection of student privacy in the event of the administration of a survey to students containing one or more of the eight protected items of information noted below (including the right of parents to inspect, upon request, a survey that concerns one or more of the eight protected items of information):

   a) political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student’s parents;
   b) mental or psychological problems of the student or the student’s family;
   c) sexual behavior or attitudes;
   d) illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
   e) critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
   f) legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
   g) religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student’s parent; or
   h) income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

3) To inspect, upon request, any instructional material* used as part of the educational curriculum for students, and the procedure for granting a request by a parent for such access.

4) To be notified of any non-emergency invasive** physical examinations or screenings that the school may administer to students.

5) To inspect, upon request, any instrument used in the collection of personal information, as described above in paragraph 5, before the
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instrument is administered or distributed to a student and the District’s procedure for granting a parent’s request.

B. Specific Notification – At least annually, at the beginning of the school year, Williamson Central School will notify a parent directly, such as through U.S. mail or email, of the specific activities or surveys noted above and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation in the specific survey or activity. Williamson Central School will offer an opportunity for parents to opt their child out of participating in the following activities:

1) Activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information, or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose.

   a) The requirements concerning activities involving the collection and disclosure of personal information from students for marketing purposes do not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for or to students or educational institutions, such as the following:

   1) College or other postsecondary education recruitment, or military recruitment;
   2) Book clubs, magazines, and programs providing access to low-cost literary products;
   3) Curriculum and instructional materials used by elementary schools and secondary schools;
   4) Tests and assessments used by elementary schools and secondary schools to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information about students;
   5) The sale by students of products or services to raise funds for school-related or education-related activities;
   6) Student recognition programs.
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2) Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination** or screening that is:
   a) required as a condition of attendance;
   b) administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance;
   c) not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student, or of other students.

3) The administration of any survey containing one or more of the eight protected areas of information listed above and that is not funded in whole or in part by Federal funds. (The District must obtain active consent, and may not use an opt-out procedure, if the survey is funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.)

DEFINITION OF SOME TERMS USED IN PPRA:

* “Instructional Material” – instructional material that is provided to a student, regardless of format, including printed or representational materials, audio-visual materials, and materials in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the Internet). The term does not include academic tests or academic assessments.

** “Invasive Physical Examination” – any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion or injection into the body, but does not include a hearing, vision, or scoliosis screening.

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