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TO: Representative David Pinto
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RE: H.F. 424 and S.F. 337

As Executive Director of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) I am writing in support of H.F. 424 and S.F. 337. The 2012 update to the Code of Federal Regulations on student directory information (Title 34, Section 99.37) allow schools some flexibility regarding limited sharing of certain directory information.

As a result of the update, schools will still continue to determine what is directory information as required by federal law and continue to notify parents of what will be considered directly information, as well as, give parents the right to opt out. What is new in the 2012 update is that districts may decide to share addresses only with the public library for the purposes of issuing library cards to students. Pre-2012, the district would have been obligated to share addresses with any party that requested them.

We strongly believe that it is easier for districts to handle data requests when both the federal and state laws are in alignment. This conformity simplifies the process and with the proper notice, provides a district with options to limit the sharing of data. Parents continue to have the option of specifying whether any or all of the information is public.

Thank you for allowing us to share our thoughts regarding H.F. 424 and S.F. 337.