

REGULAR MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room

11 a.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2008

26. Ms. García, Ms. Canter – Resolution to Coordinate Support Services to Los Angeles Unified School District Students by Sharing Information with County Agencies (Noticed May 13, 2008)

Whereas, Sharing of information between agencies ensures that critical information may be provided in support of children served by these agencies;

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District desires to share information that is in the best interests of our students to the extent permissible by law;

Whereas, The sharing of pupil record information is governed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 20 U.S.C. section 1232g), which generally requires parent/guardian consent or a court order for access to pupil record information. However, directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to specifically identify outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent;

Whereas, The California Education Code Section 49061 (c) provides that a District may include one or more of the following items in directory information: pupil's name, address, telephone number, birthdate, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous public or private school attended by the pupil;

Whereas, The District currently lists as directory information the following items: pupil name, address, telephone number, birthdate, dates of attendance (e.g., by academic year or semester), and the most recent previous school attended;

Whereas, The District has determined that an expansion of the list of authorized recipients of directory information, as provided by law, will enhance the support of students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District:

1. Establishes that the following items constitute directory information: pupil name, address, telephone number, birthdate, dates of attendance (e.g., by academic year or semester), and most recent previous school attended;
2. Authorizes the addition of the following agencies as receivers of directory information:
 - The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
 - The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
 - The Los Angeles County Department of Probation;
3. Allows, upon written request, that the above agencies may receive directory information based upon the school's determination of the best interests of pupils; that the written request for directory information regarding an individual student may be made to the school principal/designee by the agency representative with case management responsibilities for the child; and that written request for directory information regarding a group of students may be made to the School Information Branch by the recipient department's chief administrative official or designee;
4. Directs the Superintendent to amend existing District policies and procedures to reflect this change; and to ensure that the Parent/Student Handbook is amended to reflect this change, effective for the 2008-2009 academic year.