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Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school or school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student’s enrollment or transfer. [NOTE: FERPA requires a school or school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request or the disclosure is initiated by the parent or eligible student.]

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* To other school officials, including teachers, within the educational agency or institution whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in §

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* To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as the State educational agency (SEA) in the parent or eligible student’s State. Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of § 99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf, if applicable requirements are met. (§§

99.31(a)(3) and 99.35)

* In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary for such purposes as to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§ 99.31(a)(4))

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* To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§ 99.31(a)(7))
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99.31(a)(8))

* To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena if applicable requirements are met. (§ 99.31(a)(9))

* To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §

99.36. (§ 99.31(a)(10)

* Information the school has designated as “directory information” if applicable requirements under § 99.37 are met. (§ 99.31(a)(11))

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* To the Secretary of Agriculture or authorized representatives of the Food and Nutrition Service for purposes of conducting program monitoring, evaluations, and performance measurements of programs authorized under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act or the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, under certain conditions. (20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(1)(K))

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Please refer to Attachments A, B, C, and D.

**Attachment A**

Parents' Bill of Rights for Student Data Privacy and Security Policy.

Hawthorne Foundation Inc., doing business as Hawthorne Country Day School ("HCDS") has adopted New York's Parents Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security (the "Bill of Rights") as set forth herein. In this Bill of Rights, "Parent" means a parent, legal guardian, or person in parental relation to a student. HCDS agrees that, with respect to any records held by HCDS containing a student's data:

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2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record;
3. State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information, and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls, and password protection, must be in place when data is stored or transferred;
4. A complete list of all student data elements collected by the State is available for public review at http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/student-dataprivacy/collected-data-elements.pdf or by writing to the Office of Information & Reporting Services, New York State Education Department, Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234; and
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Note: information on links to information available from and how to contact the New York State Education Department come from the NYSED website and is subject to any changes made by NYSED.

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Third-Party Contractors Contract Addendum

See following 3 pages.

Vendor Acknowledgement and Addendum

Parents Bill of Rights for Student Data Privacy and Security and Vendor Duties

This Vendor Acknowledgement and Addendum ("Addendum") is made between Hawthorne

Foundation Inc. ("Agency") and  ("Company")•

Agency and Company are parties to an agreement (the "Agreement") dated [—]

(the "Agreement Date"). Pursuant to New York Education Law S 52-d and the provisions of Part 121 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of the Education Department of New York ("Part 121 "), Agency and Company agree as follows:

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   4. A complete list of all student data elements collected by the State is available for public review at http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/student-dataprivacy/collected-data-elements.pdf or by writing to the Office of Information & Reporting Services, New York State Education Department, Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234 ; and
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2. Supplemental Information:
   1. The exclusive purposes for which Company will use the student data or teacher or principal data is [fill in purpose(s) under the Vendor Agreement].
   2. All subcontractors for Company and any persons or entities that Company shares the student data or teacher or principal data with (who will be considered agents of Company) are contractually required by Company to employ data privacy and security practices that provide at least a commensurate level of protection for that data as does Company and as required by this Addendum.
   3. The Agreement expires on  Upon request of Agency within 60 days after the expiration or sooner termination of the Agreement, Company will return all personally identifiable information (including any such information held by Company's subcontractors or agents); if no request is made, Company will destroy or cause all such information to be destroyed. The security of the data will be maintained by Company until it is returned to Agency or destroyed.
   4. A parent, student, eligible student, teacher or principal may challenge the accuracy of the student data or teacher or principal data that is collected by making a written request to the Agency's Privacy Officer (as set forth below).
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3. Company maintains a publicly available list in its Privacy Policy of all student data or teacher or principal data elements collected by Company.
4. Company will promptly address any complaints about possible breaches of student data submitted to [address to submit complaints online and/or by emailI or mailed to: [Attn: . Company Name and Mailing Address]
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6. Company shall provide security training to its officers and employees who have access to student data or teacher or principal data (and shall require that its subcontractors and agents also provide such training) on all applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing confidentiality of student data and/or principal or teacher data, including, without limitation, New York Education Law V-d and the regulations adopted thereunder.
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8. If a breach of confidentiality occurs, Company will provide written notification to Agency within 48 hours of the incident and advise it as to the nature of the breach and the steps Company has taken to minimize such breach. All such notices shall comply with all applicable legal requirements.
9. If a breach or unauthorized release is attributed to Company or one of its subcontractors Company shall pay for or promptly reimburse Agency for the full cost of such notification and any costs related to remediation of the breach.
10. Any assignee of Company shall assume all of Company's obligations under this Addendum.
11. Complaints or challenges the accuracy of data permitted under this Addendum may be made in writing to:

Data Privacy Officer

Hawthorne Foundation Inc.

5 Bradhurst Avenue

Hawthome, NY 10532

or by email at:

privacy@hawthornecountryday.org

In witness whereof, Agency and company have executed this Addendum as of the Agreement

Date.

Agency: Company:

Hawthorne Foundation Inc.

By: 

Name: Name: Title: Title:

**Attachment D**

# Complaint Procedure for Breach or Unauthorized Release of Data

HCDS requires any complaint concerning a data breach or unauthorized release of data to be submitted in writing to the attention ofthe HCDS Data Privacy Officer. The complaint may be made by any (i) parent, (ii) eligible student, (iii) teacher, principal or other staff member of HCDS (the "Informant").

HCDS will promptly acknowledge receipt of the complaint, commence an investigation, and take the necessary precautions to protect personally identifiable information.

Following its investigation of a submitted complaint, HCDS shall provide the Informant with its findings within a reasonable period but no more than 60 calendar days from the receipt of the complaint by HCDS. Where HCDS requires additional time, or where the response may compromise security or impede a law enforcement investigation, 1--ICDS shall provide the Informant with a written explanation that includes the approximate date when the HCDS anticipates that it will respond to the complaint.

The HCDS Data Privacy Officer may be contacted by mail at:

Data Privacy Officer

Hawthorne Foundation Inc.

5 Bradhurst Avenue

Hawthome, NY 10532

or by email at:

privacy@hawthornecountryday.org

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