

# IN TBLV Talking Points

## IERC/IDOE APH Consent to Release Student Information

### What is the APH Federal Quota Program?

- a) There are limited sources for specialized materials for use with children who meet or function at the definition of blindness.
- b) The U.S. Congress funds production of educational materials for students who meet or function at the definition of blindness by the American Printing House for the Blind.
- c) Funding is allocated annually based on individual student information.

### What is the Annual APH Census?

- a) Each year local school districts and the Indiana Educational Resource Center (IERC), on behalf of the Indiana Department of Education, collects, compiles, and submits information to APH regarding the students who meet or function at the definition of blindness.
- b) All information reported is considered confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- c) Specific information is reported for each eligible child to allow the federal release of funds to each state through APH Quota Funds process.
- d) IERC/IDOE has received, in past years, approximately \$200.00 to \$400.00 for each eligible public and private school student, dependent on Congressional allocations.

### What information will be collected?

- a) Child's name, birthdate, school district, grade placement.
- b) Primary and secondary reading medium, primary language of learner, and an indication of visual function.
- c) The information is not shared outside the APH Census process for any reason, unless permitted by state or federal law.

### What happens to the information collected?

- a) IDOE has an Ex Officio Trustee (Leslie Durst) who oversees the APH Census and the expenditure of accounts.
- b) The Ex Officio Trustee has the responsibility to submit accurate student information in a secure manner.
- c) Local teachers working with students who are blind or have low vision compile the data requested by the APH Census. The teachers work with a/or are designated as the regional representative who reports the data directly to the Ex Officio Trustee for submission to APH.
- d) APH retains the information for accountability purposes in obtaining U.S. Congressional funds and allocating those funds to the states for materials purchase.

### Why is written consent required?

- a) Consent to release child's personal data is necessary to inform parents of the process and their right to refuse release of the data.
- b) Non-consent to release child's personal data means the APH funds for that student will not be available to the school district, and the district will need to purchase educational materials from APH from local resource funds.
- c) The U.S. Department of Education requires that agencies completing the Annual Federal Quota Registration secure consent to be included in the APH Census

### Additional questions?

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