



To: Parents / Guardians of students who will be turning 18 years of age on or before June 30 of this school year.

Re: The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) is legislation that requires schools to treat 18-year-old students as adults. What this means is that adult students must now sign a waiver that allows school officials including teachers, clerks and administrators to communicate with their parents. This information may include attendance, report cards, discipline notes, timetables, parent/teacher interviews, or other communication in oral, written, electronic or photographic form.

The school will provide your child with a waiver form when they turn 18 years of age. It is up to them to choose to sign this form or not. If your child does not sign the waiver form, school personnel may not legally communicate with parents/guardians about the student's progress at school.

Please understand that this is provincial legislation, and therefore as a public school division, we are obliged to follow the law. We hope that all of our students will want their parents/guardians to be part of their education and will sign the necessary waiver form. Please contact your child's school if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Hanover School Division

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