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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is twofold: to help families understand what it means to “opt out” of directory information and to distinguish between the desire to “opt out” of all directory information and to simply “opt out” from the military recruiter list.

If your family chooses to “opt out” of directory information, it means you are not authorizing the release of your son/daughter’s name for ANY purpose. Some examples of places where we could not put your son/daughter’s name would be the yearbook, a picture in a sports program, our honor roll, a playbill for a school musical production, etc... Clearly, this is a decision that requires a lot of discussion. We just want all families to understand that if you do choose this option, then we will not be able to publish your child’s name/picture for any reason.

We also want to bring you up to date on Spokane Schools’ recent decision regarding requests to withhold a student’s directory information from the list provided to military recruiters. Some previous information for verifying your student’s enrollment information was printed prior to this decision, and we want to clarify and be sure you understand the current practice.

The parents and guardians of students who wish to withhold directory information from military recruiters must make this request in writing to the principal prior to November 30, 2006.

We will then make the appropriate computer entry so your student’s directory information will not appear on the list provided to military recruiters. Making this written request will NOT prevent the school from providing similar information on school lists, such as an athletic team roster, the honor roll, or the yearbook.

We appreciate your patience in this matter.