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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Each year, every school district in Michigan is required to report student data by race and ethnicity categories set by the U.S. Department of Education (U.S. ED) to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). In 2007, U.S. ED released guidance regarding the collection and reporting of student race and ethnicity data. The guidance instructs school districts to collect race and ethnicity data utilizing a two-part question format. This change allows individuals to more accurately identify themselves given the increasing diversity of the nation's population.

With the new reporting format, you will need to update your child's data. Starting with the 2010-2011 school year, all schools in Michigan will collect race and ethnicity data using the two-part question format. These reports help keep track of changes in student enrollments and ensure that all students receive the educational programs and services to which they are entitled.

Please update your child's data by completing the form on the back side of this letter and sending in to your child's school building. If we do not receive a response from you, an employee from the school district will be required to provide this information based on observation. Federal regulations do not permit school districts to leave the questions blank. Please contact your child's school secretary if you would like to check the student data currently on file for your child.

For more information about the data reporting categories, please contact your child's school secretary at the following number: North Elementary – 779-2626; East Elementary/Central Middle School/Iron Mountain High School – 779-2610.

Sincerely,

Jerome Sardina
Superintendent
Iron Mountain Public Schools

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