

IRON MOUNTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Home of the Mountaineers

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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 into 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 numbers: North Elementary – 779-2626; East Elementary/Central Middle School/Iron Mountain High School – 779-2610.

Sincerely,



Jerome Sardina, Superintendent

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Student's Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

Please answer both A and B.

Part A. Is this student Hispanic/Latino? (Choose only one)

No, not Hispanic/Latino

Yes, Hispanic/Latino (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.)

Part A of the question is about ethnicity, not race. Regardless of what you selected in **Part A**, **please answer Part B** by marking one or more boxes to indicate what you consider your student's (or your) race to be.

Part B. What is the student's race?

American Indian or Alaska Native (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South American, including Central America)

Asian (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, of the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam)

Black or African-American (A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa)

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, of other Pacific Islands)

White (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa)

Note: Both Parts A and B must be completed. We encourage you to select an answer for *both parts*. If either part is not answered, the U.S. Department of Education requires the school district to supply an answer on your behalf.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____