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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
JUVENILE DIVISION

On behalf of:  
  
Education Coordinating Council,  
  
Petitioner

BLANKET ORDER RE: WAIVER  
OF CONFIDENTIALITY FOR  
EDUCATION COORDINATING  
COUNCIL'S DATA MATCH  
PROGRAM [Montebello and  
Norwalk/La Mirada Unified School  
Districts]

In an effort to increase the academic achievement of youth in the child welfare and/or probation system, particularly the ultimate achievement of obtaining a high school diploma, the Los Angeles County Education Coordinating Council (ECC) requests a limited waiver of confidentiality for the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Probation Department to share identifying information and records from their case files with the following school districts: Montebello Unified School District and Norwalk/La Mirada School District. The purpose of this data sharing is to determine which schools the dependent and/or probation children attend, whether and when they will graduate from high school, and their future educational opportunities.

The goal of the program is to help key organizations plan for the educational and supportive resources needed by these students, their families and caregivers so that the children can be more successful in school, obtain a high school diploma, and hopefully strengthen their

1 ability to grow into independent adults. Identifying foster and probation youth by school would  
2 help Educational Liaisons and allied organizations who offer tutoring and after-school activities  
3 in these school districts (Montebello Unified School District and Norwalk/La Mirada School  
4 District) know which youth are eligible to enroll in specific academic programs, including those  
5 uniquely available to dependent and/or probation children through Section 48853.5 of the  
6 Education Code and enhanced federal funding, and help them refer youth to additional services  
7 provided during non-school hours (e.g. high school exam preparatory classes, etc.)

8 Participation in these data sharing efforts by DCFS, Probation, and the school districts  
9 (Montebello Unified School District and Norwalk/La Mirada School District) is voluntary.

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11 UPON CONSIDERATION of the request and responses thereto, the Juvenile Court  
12 hereby issues the following order pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827, and  
13 California Rules of Court, Rule 5.552:

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15 1. DCFS and Probation may share the following case information with the staff person(s)  
16 (researchers/data analysts) from the particular school district (Montebello Unified School District  
17 and Norwalk/La Mirada School District) who will actually perform the data match:

- 18 • The office handling the DCFS or Probation case for the child;
- 19 • Child's full name and any "also known as" names, birth date, gender, and social  
20 security number;
- 21 • Child's case number, case start date, date of removal; and
- 22 • Placement type and full address of the placement.

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24 2. Each of the researchers shall sign a confidentiality statement regarding their use of and  
25 storage of the county department data. Upon completing each match, each school district's

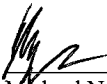
1 researchers shall be instructed to immediately destroy the information on students not in their  
2 database. The school districts shall prepare a report with aggregate demographic and  
3 achievement data, comparing child welfare and probation youth with other youth enrolled in  
4 their district; and

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6 3. Any and all information and records received pursuant to this Order shall be kept in  
7 confidence for the limited purpose for which it was provided and shall not be further  
8 disseminated except as necessary and relevant for the data match and the offering of services to  
9 dependent/delinquent children. Additionally, upon the completion of any data matching, all  
10 information records obtained from DCFS and/or Probation shall not be placed in any file or  
11 maintained in any manner such that it is accessible; except by those expressly authorized by  
12 Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827. The confidentiality of the identity of the children as  
13 dependents of the Juvenile Court must be ensured.

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15 4. This order shall remain in effect until or unless revoked or otherwise amended on the  
16 motion of the Juvenile Court Presiding Judge or at the request of any interested parties.

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19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 DATE: 10/11/07

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22 Michael Nash  
23 Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court  
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