



Tony Evers

Office of the Governor | State of Wisconsin

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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 53 in its entirety.

This bill relates to pupil records. Under current law, directory data may be disclosed to any person if the public school notifies parents or guardians of the information designated as directory data, provides information on how to opt out of disclosures, and provides sufficient time to use the opt-out procedure. Under this bill, the name of a pupil's parents or guardians would be added to the list of categories that a public school must designate as directory data.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to implementing a mandate that will negatively impact the privacy of parents of students in Wisconsin. I also object because the bill provides Wisconsin families with fewer privacy protections than the federal Family Education Rights Privacy Act, which does not include parent or guardian names in its definition of directory data. Wisconsin law should provide greater protections for privacy than federal law, not fewer.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

Tony Evers
Governor