

**HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Huntington, New York**

**RESOLUTION**

**STUDENT DATA SECURITY & PRIVACY**

**WHEREAS**, New York State has agreed to share confidential student and teacher data with a corporation called inBloom, Inc.;

**WHEREAS**, this confidential data will include children's personally identifiable information, including name, address, grades, test scores, disciplinary records, attendance, race, ethnicity, economic status, disabilities, health conditions and other sensitive information;

**WHEREAS**, this information is to be placed on a data cloud, which has been cited by many technology professionals as potentially insecure;

**WHEREAS**, inBloom Inc. has stated that it *"cannot guarantee the security of the information stored...or that the information will not be intercepted when it is being transmitted."*

**WHEREAS**, seven out of the nine original states that were originally "partners" with inBloom have now discontinued the partnership;

**WHEREAS**, bill A.6059, passed by the Assembly last session, would require parental notification and/or consent before any confidential, personally identifiable student data is redisclosed to third party vendors;

**WHEREAS**, bill A.7872, also passed by the Assembly would require a parental "opt out" provision with respect to sharing personally identifiable student information with third parties;

**WHEREAS**, both bills have now been introduced in the Senate as S.5930 and S.5932.

**RESOLVED**, that the New York State Education Department (SED) should immediately be obligated to notify parents of these impending disclosures and provide them with the right to consent before their child's information is shared;

**RESOLVED**, that we call upon SED to hold public hearings to explain the point of these disclosures, and hear concerns about how this plan risks children's privacy, security and safety;

**RESOLVED**, that we call upon SED to clearly explain how families can obtain relief if their children are harmed by the improper use or accidental release of this information, including who will be held financially responsible;

**RESOLVED**, that we call upon SED to pledge that the privacy rights of public school children and their families will be respected over the interests of any companies or organizations.

**AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we urge our state representatives to support, co-sponsor, endorse and approve A.6059, A.7872, S.5930 and S.5932, and/or any other measures that help ensure that our students' privacy is protected and that parents are provided with full notification and the right to consent before any disclosures occur.