

Thursday, April 15, 2010

Dear Spring Valley District Parents and Guardians,

We're writing to inform you of new guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Education regarding the collection of data on race and ethnicity for public school students and staff. The Federal government, which requires all states to collect this information, has developed a new way to report ethnicity and race, which includes new categories.

As a result, you have the opportunity to update the student data on your child(ren) if you wish to do so. With the new reporting categories, you may now identify your child(ren) as either:

Hispanic/Latino OR Not Hispanic/Latino

AND by **one or more** of the following groups:

- (A) American Indian/Alaska Native;
- (B) Asian;
- (C) Black/African-American;
- (D) Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander;
- (E) White.

Starting with the 2010-2011 school year, all schools will report student data to the U.S. Department of Education using the new categories.

If you would like to update the student data for your child(ren), please complete the enclosed form and send it back to your child's school (SV Elementary Office or SV MS/HS Office) by May 24, 2010. (Additional forms may be requested at either office, or can be printed from our website at [www.springvalley.k12.wi.us](http://www.springvalley.k12.wi.us).) If we do not hear back from you, we will continue to report based on the student data we currently have. Please contact Mrs. Stasiak at the elementary or Mrs. Peterson or Mrs. Madson at the middle/high school if you would like to check the ethnicity and race student data currently on file for your child.

For more information about the student data reporting categories, please see: Race-Ethnicity Data Collection FAQ at <http://dpi.wi.gov/lbstat/dataracfaq.html>.

Sincerely,

David Wellington  
Superintendent

Gretchen Cipriano  
MS/HS Principal

Kenneth Lasure  
Elementary Principal

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer BOTH questions 1 and 2.

1. Is this student Hispanic or Latino? (*Choose only one.*)

- Yes, Hispanic or Latino
- No, not Hispanic or Latino

2. Is this student: (*Choose one or more. You must select at least one.*)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_