



To: All High School Seniors and Parents of Seniors,

Greenville County Schools (GCS) is working to provide students with a rich, engaging, and rigorous education that prepares them for college and/or career when they graduate. That preparation begins early in high school with required coursework and involvement in your school community. We continually strive to strengthen supports for students and families, as well as principals, teachers, counselors, and college advisors so that the work in class produces meaningful growth in student learning and prepares students to make successful transitions after graduation.

As we work toward the goals of college and career success, we understand the need to help students, families, and schools understand the progress they are making. Toward that end, we are working to address a critical need:

- 1) Helping schools understand information about their graduates' college success so teachers and principals can better align the high school program with expectations for college readiness.

To accomplish this goal, GCS is working with the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), which provides information on graduates' college outcomes. In order for GCS to collect data and information on college enrollment from NSC, we will be sharing certain student information with them. For GCS to do this, federal law regarding student privacy requires us to provide you with notice and an opportunity for you to instruct GCS not to release this information.

We are therefore providing the attached "opt out" form for eligible students (18 years and over) and parents who **do not** want to share student information. Please read the attached "opt out" form and if you **do not** want information released about you (if you are an eligible student) or about your child or children, please complete.

While Greenville County Schools believes that using this information to support student transitions is worthwhile, we understand that in doing so we must respect individual student privacy. If you have any questions about the attached form, please contact your school counselor.

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