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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please be advised that on December 10, 2015, President Obama signed **Every Student Succeeds Act** (ESSA). The law redefines the role of the federal government in K-12 education emphasizing stronger accountability, increased flexibility and local control, expanded options for parents, and an emphasis of improved teaching methodology.

Included with the bill is Public Law 89-10, Sec. 8528, which allows the Armed Forces recruiter to have access to the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all students enrolled in schools receiving federal funds. Blackstone Valley Tech is thus obligated to supply a student listing by grade to all armed services recruiters upon request. Additionally, under ESSA, the current residence status of the family will not be provided to the Armed Forces recruiter.

However, the law allows for the secondary student or parent of the student to provide a written request not to provide their names, address or phone number to the armed services recruiter. In order to withhold the name of your son/daughter/ward the school must receive in written notification or the electronic sign-off from you by August 31, 2021. Please be reminded that all citizens at age 18 must register for the draft.

This notification is to inform you that unless you notify the principal's office of Blackstone Valley Tech, by electronic signature found on the BVT website we will be obligated to provide names, addresses, and phone numbers to the armed services by August 31, 2021. I understand that this request is valid for my students' entire career at Blackstone Valley Tech.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Steele', is written over a horizontal line.

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