

**NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION TO PROTECT STUDENT PRIVACY AND  
WITHDRAW STUDENT DATA FROM inBLOOM DATA DASHBOARD**

(Approved at the November 6, 2013 Board of Education Meeting)

**WHEREAS** New York State as part of the Race to the Top initiative has offered schools various data dashboard options as part of the EngageNY portal that will share confidential student and teacher data with a Gates-funded corporation called inBloom Inc. in order to create a statewide dataset;

**WHEREAS** school districts are being asked to upload confidential data that may include over 400 data points including children's personally identifiable information, including name, address, grades, test scores, disciplinary records, attendance, race, ethnicity, economic status, disabilities, health conditions and other highly sensitive information;

**WHEREAS** this information is to be placed on a data cloud managed by Amazon.com that IBM executives call unreliable and not up to government standards, and in a recent survey of cloud technology, 86% of technology professionals said they did not trust clouds to hold their organization's more sensitive data and; **WHEREAS** inBloom Inc. has already 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** the New Paltz Central School district is already sharing student data with New York State that is primarily demographic in nature, it does not wish to populate a cloud database that has additional fields of data that are more sensitive and private;

**WHEREAS** the New Paltz Central School District believes in protecting confidential student data, and does not wish to rush to increase data sharing before weighing the risks of granting companies access to student data;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that New Paltz Central School District shall abstain from participating in the Shared Learning Infrastructure Data Privacy and Security Plan (SLI) which is the data stored in inBloom.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the New Paltz Central School District asks that inBloom and NYSED delete any data already entered into the (SLI) data dashboard.