What is the reason for this consent form?

The Montclair Public School District is proud of the accomplishments and activities of its students. At times we may submit student photos, names, and quotes to the local media, use same on our website, social media sites run by the school district, and our cable station. The law (N.J.S.A. 18A: 36-35*) requires that we ask for your permission to use information about your child.

This consent form, when completed and signed by the parents/caregivers, authorizes Montclair Public Schools (MPS) to take or use photographs, collect comments and/or creative works, and film/video footage of the student for publicity purposes. This material may be used for:

- Media release
- Printed publications (school newsletters, brochures, magazines, displays, etc.)
- Electronic communications (website, cable TV, PowerPoint and other staff presentations, etc.)

What happens to the consent form once it is completed and signed?

Please return your completed form to your school office. If sending by mail, please send to the following address:

Montclair Public Schools
Communications Office
22 Valley Road
Montclair, NJ 07042

The form will be placed in the student’s file and retained by MPS. The information is recorded as part of the student’s record in Skyward (electronic student database).

How long is the consent valid?

The consent is valid for one school year and such consent must be obtained on a yearly basis. If you wish to rescind this agreement, you may do so at any time in writing by sending a letter to the principal of your child’s school, and such rescission takes effect upon receipt by the school.

Additional Questions:

Contact the MPS Communications Office at 973-509-4042.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to highlight the good work and efforts of our learners and instructors.

Ronald E. Bolandi, Interim Superintendent

*Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-35, the Montclair Public Schools will not release any personally identifiable information without consent from a parent/guardian. By definition from the State, personally identifiable information includes student names, photo or image, residential addresses, email address, phone numbers, and locations/times of class trips. Potential dangers associated with the posting of personally identifiable information on a website exist since global access to the Internet does not allow us to control who may access such information. These dangers have always existed; however, we as schools do want to celebrate your child and his/her work and will use the utmost discretion in what information we release or post to protect our students.

ALL - MEDIA CONSENT

This consent pertains to all media: print, online news outlets and any other form of print/electronic media. The consent is for news or community interest only. Commercial use is prohibited without specific Board of Education approval.

Please check one of the following choices:

- I/We GRANT permission for my child’s name/photo/image and all other personal identifiers to be published on the school/district’s public Internet site and any other form of print/electronic media and/or print/electronic outlet.
- I/We GRANT permission for my child’s name only (no image) to be published in all media outlets as in the above.
- I/We GRANT permission for my child’s image only (no name) to be published in all media outlets as in the above.
- I/We DO NOT GRANT permission for the use of my child’s name/image in any print or electronic media, including the Internet. I understand that this does not include my child’s name/image from not being used in school-distributed materials such as programs for performances, yearbook, or school newspaper.

Student’s Name (please print)________________________________________________School_____________________GR______

Signature of Parent/Caregiver or Student if over 18 years old________________________________________________________

Relationship to Student ______________________________________________________________________________________

Date___________________________