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Dear Parent or Guardian:

In an effort to assist Minnesota districts in providing targeted programs and services to help all students succeed, districts are required by law to request more detailed student ancestry or ethnic origin information based on Minnesota's largest groups, beyond what has been collected on enrollment forms under federal law since 2008. Parents or guardians are not required to answer the federal questions (in bold) on the Ethnic and Racial Demographic Designation Form for their children. However, if you choose not to answer the federal questions (in bold), federal law requires schools to choose for you. State questions are labeled as "Optional" and schools will not fill in this information for you. Refusal to respond will not impact enrollment in the school.

As a result of the new law, you are asked to report your child's information. Starting with the 2019-20 school year, all schools in Minnesota will collect this information using these updated categories. The Minnesota Department of Education will continue to incorporate feedback from the public into this form.

To report your child's information, please complete the enclosed form and return it to AAHS school office or email to shoua.yang@academicarts.org. You can also find an electronic fillable version on our website at www.academicarts.org. Note: You may choose to not indicate any of the more detailed selections by marking the "decline to indicate" option(s). You may also choose to mark an "other" option if you do not see your group represented. School staff are not required to assign students to these detailed groups.

Please complete and return the enclosed form. For more information about the reporting categories, please contact Shoua at 651-457-7427 ext 201.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Shoua Yang'.

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