



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you about a new requirement for evaluating student teachers. You have received this letter because your child's classroom teacher will be working with a student teacher from UWSP this year.

Our District benefits greatly from a strong partnership with UWSP and helps provide student teaching opportunities to many UWSP students. The State Superintendent of schools has selected edTPA as a new way to assess student teachers. EdTPA is an authentic, classroom-based assessment which occurs during the student teaching experience and requires the candidate to submit a portfolio of artifacts related to teaching a series of connected lessons, including video clips of candidate's teaching. As part of edTPA, student teachers submit samples of student work with the video recordings as evidence of their teaching practice. No student names appear on any materials. The materials submitted as part of edTPA are not made public in any way and are reviewed by trained scorers through the secure system. The student teacher's assessment materials may also be reviewed by edTPA developers and educators associated with edTPA to support edTPA program development and implementation, including faculty training.

Because the use of the edTPA with the UWSP student teaching program requires that students be videotaped while being instructed by UWSP student teachers, and because your son or daughter may be in a classroom where a UWSP student teacher has been placed, you are hereby being provided with notice of this practice in accordance with Board Policy 447.5. The performance assessment documents a series of lessons taught by the student teacher and includes short video recordings. The video recordings are used only for the purposes of evaluating instruction and for improving teacher preparation programs. In the course of taping, with parental permission, students may appear on the video recordings.

As part of our commitment to providing high-quality teaching and learning experiences for District students and the higher education students, the Stevens Point Area Public School District has provided the attached document for informed consent for release of classroom video recording and student work. If you choose not to give permission, your child will still participate in the classroom instruction as usual. That is, your child will be seated out of camera range. *Please note that all recordings made and student work samples involved with edTPA will follow Board Policies and will be disclosed only in accordance with the attached consent form.* Furthermore, if you give permission, you are overriding any written objection to the release of directory data that you may have on file with the District for purposes of video recording student teachers instructing your student in District classrooms only.

Please feel free to contact your child's principal should you have questions regarding this communication. The Stevens Point Area Public School District values partnering with parents, guardians, institutes of higher education, and the community to educate all students to be college, career, and community ready, inspired to succeed in our diverse world.