

# PARENTS BEWARE!

New York State is planning to share your child's confidential information with private corporations

New York State has agreed to share confidential student and teacher data with a Gates-funded corporation called inBloom Inc.

**All this is happening without parental consent:**

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Confidential data will include your child's personally identifiable information, *including name, address, grades, test scores, detailed disciplinary and health records, race, ethnicity, economic status, disabilities & other highly sensitive data.*

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Information will be collected into a "data store" with an operating system built by Wireless Generation, a subsidiary of News Corporation. News Corp. is owned by Rupert Murdoch & has been found to have illegally violated privacy in Great Britain & in the U.S.

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The data is being stored on a vulnerable cloud managed by Amazon.com, which has suffered catastrophic data breaches in the recent past. In a survey, 86% of technology professionals said *they did not trust clouds to hold their "more sensitive" data.*

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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."*

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InBloom intends to make this highly confidential data available to commercial vendors selected by the state and the city to help them develop and market *their "learning products."*

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Because of protests from parents, 8 out of 9 original states have *pulled out* of inBloom or put their data sharing plans on indefinite hold. *New York is now THE ONLY STATE planning to disclose personal student data to inBloom.*

Bills that would have allowed parents the right to opt-out of this risky data-sharing scheme were passed by the NYS Assembly but not the State Senate in the last session!

**Call YOUR Senator, and the Senate leaders below to make your voices heard;**

*Ask them to co-sponsor these bills in the State Senate:*

**S. 5930 and S. 5932.**

**Senator Dean Skelos: (518) 455-3171, Senator Jeff Klein: (718) 822-2049  
and Senator John Flanagan at: (631) 361-2154**

*These individuals have the power to save your children from having their most private information shared with for-profit vendors and protected from data breaches that could permanently damage their futures.*

You have the right to send a letter to SED, demanding to know what data has been shared for your child, and to correct it if it is erroneous. NYS parents should also email their Superintendents (in NYC, the Chancellor), demanding the right to OPT OUT your child's data being shared with ANY vendor. Sample letters are available on the Class Size Matters website.



For more information, go to: [www.classsizematters.org](http://www.classsizematters.org) or email us at: [info@classsizematters.org](mailto:info@classsizematters.org).

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