To: Parent(s) or Guardian(s)
From: Bemidji State University Student Teacher
Re: Notification of Video Process
Date: Fall, 2015

A Bemidji State University student teacher will be working with and learning from your child’s classroom teacher. The student teacher completed the course work to become a licensed teacher and works with students under the guidance of the classroom teacher and the university supervisor for this final experience before graduation.

The university requires that the student teacher be video-taped teaching students. When the student teacher reviews the video tape, it becomes an excellent tool for analysis and reflection on how s/he may improve performance. In addition, the student teacher sends the tape to the university supervisor as part of the learning experience and the university professor provides feedback to the student teacher on the instructional performance.

In addition to the use of the video tape at BSU, the Minnesota Board of Education has recently implemented a mandatory Teacher Performance Assessment piece to be completed by all teacher candidates student teaching in the state of Minnesota. This project includes submissions of short video recordings of lessons taught in your child’s class. Although the video recordings involve both the teacher and various students, the primary focus is on the teacher’s instruction, not on the students in the class. In the course of taping, your child may appear on the video recordings. Samples of student work as evidence of teaching practice, and that work may include some of your child’s work. No student’s last name will appear on any materials that are submitted.

The video is not posted on the Internet or sold to any party. Personally identifiable information is not disclosed. Should you have questions regarding the video taping of student teachers, please contact your child’s teacher or principal.