Colleges and universities prefer that teacher evaluations and recommendations be confidential. Colleges generally believe that recommendations written with this understanding are more candid and honest. Therefore, those recommendations have more validity and carry more weight in the admissions process than recommendations that parents and students can access.

In light of this, we request that all students/parents requesting letters of recommendation complete and return the waiver form below to the counseling office. If you choose not to waive your right to access letters of recommendation, this information will be included in the counselor’s letter.

**Waiver of Right to Access School/Teacher Letters of Recommendation**

We request that school employee(s) at ______________________ High School complete a letter of recommendation(s) and/or other evaluations associated with my/my child’s college application. We authorize the release of student information in this letter and other application forms.

☐ We do waive our rights  ☐ We do not waive our rights

to examine or obtain a copy of the letter(s), rating sheets, and other evaluations.

_________________________________________  _______________________________________________________
Printed Name of Student  Student Signature  Date

_________________________________________  _______________________________________________________
Printed Name of Parent/Guardian  Parent/Guardian Signature  Date

2.15. HCPSS Office of School Counseling and Related Services.LB