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A recent lawsuit against the California Department of Education (CDE) is impacting all school districts across the state including Antelope Elementary School District.

In April 2012, two organizations, the Morgan Hill Concerned Parents Association and the Concerned Parent Association, filed a lawsuit against the CDE alleging widespread, systemic non-compliance by local education agencies with special education laws. The suit also alleges the CDE fails to monitor, investigate and correct such non-compliance in accordance with the law. The CDE denies these allegations and is actively defending the litigation.

The Antelope Elementary School District and Tehama County SELPA was not involved in the lawsuit and is not the subject of any of the suit's allegations. Nonetheless, as a part of this lawsuit, CDE has been ordered by the court to release all data it has collected on general and special education students since Jan. 1, 2008.

For more information regarding the release of this data and how you can file an objection with the court to consider not releasing your data, visit: <u>http://www.cde.ca.gov/morganhillcase</u>. You may also contact the California Department of Education at 916-319-0800.

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