Britton-Hecla School District 45-4

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you well. As part of our ongoing efforts to provide our students with diverse and enriching educational resources, we want to make you aware of our subscription service purchased with Sora, an eBook platform that offers a wide range of digital books and educational materials.

While Sora provides access to a vast library of content that can greatly enhance our students' learning experiences, we understand that some materials available on the platform may not align with the standards and values set by all parents and guardians. In this day and age, it is crucial for us to be mindful of the content our students are exposed to and to ensure that you, as parents and guardians, have the ability to make informed decisions regarding your child's use of these resources.

If after reviewing the site, you determine that you do not want your child to have access, there is an **Opt-out form on the backside of this document** you can return to the school. Once received the district will remove the Sora resource from any school owned device.

Please refer to the following link: https://www.britton.k12.sd.us/o/bhsd/page/library-materials

> This link is to our Library Materials home page and offers additional information as well as an electronic link to our **Opt-Out Option**, and also an electronic link to our Library **Material Review Request Form** if you should request a formal review of specific material.

Our goal is to provide a wide range of learning opportunities and a supportive learning environment for all students. We value your partnership in this endeavor and appreciate your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Steve Benson
Superintendent
Britton-Hecla School District

Parent Opt-Out Form-Sora Online Library

Sora is an award-winning digital reading app that empowers K-12 students to discover age-appropriate ebooks, audiobooks, and more from their school library. However, there may be some materials available that may not align with individual family values, ideals, or level of appropriateness and parents are encouraged to monitor the materials accessed from this resource.

The Britton-Hecla School District makes the Sora platform available to provide a wide range of eBooks and audiobooks for our students. Sora chooses what books are in their library and does have a system in place for book leveling according to grade level.

The Britton-Hecla School District does have a robust internet filtering system in place to help mitigate the possibility of accessing inappropriate content. However, while this system is very effective in blocking the majority of this content, no system is perfect, and occasionally something will get through. We are committed to continually monitoring and improving our systems.

Again, we strongly encourage parents and guardians to actively monitor their children's reading choices and habits. You are responsible for helping your child learn your family's standards and what you want, or do not want, them to read.

If you choose not to allow your child to have access to the Sora platform, please complete this opt-out form and return it to the administration office at Britton-Hecla. Please note if a student is removed from having access to the Sora platform, they will not have access until a parent/guardian makes a request in writing that they be reinstated.

For further information, please visit our library page on our school website.

Student Information

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I request that my child, named above, be **opted out** of having access to the Sora online library provided by Compass to the Britton-Hecla School District. I understand that by choosing to opt out, **my child will not have access to the digital books and resources available through Sora using a school device.**

Parent/Guardian Opt-Out Signature: _____

Date: _____