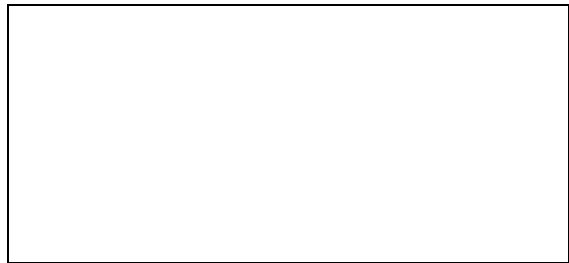


Do You Know that Your School is Giving Out Your Phone Number to Military Recruiters?



The “No Child Left Behind” Act requires that public schools give out a list of all students’ names, addresses and phone numbers to military recruiters whenever they ask for it. See www.leavemychildalone.org.

You must act to have your name removed from the list that the school gives to the military. If you do not want your information given to the military, you must notify your school in writing. The Dept. of Education no longer has a deadline as to when they will accept Opt Out forms.

What will military recruiters do with your information? They will pressure you to “join up.” Military recruiters are salespeople for the armed services. They are paid to get you into a uniform.

Military recruiters will make all kinds of promises. Many of these promises turn out to be false or misleading. Most recruits are never able to use their GI education benefits. The average veteran earns less in post-military employment than the average non-veteran. See www.objector.org, www.warresisters.org, and www.afsc.org.

Military recruiters may say that you won’t be in combat. They can’t guarantee where or how you will be deployed. Once you have enlisted, you have no say in where you will be deployed.

Details about your legal rights. Section 9528 of the “No Child Left Behind” Act of 2001 gives you and your parents the right to request that no information about you be released to any military recruiter and it requires the school administration to honor that request. It also requires the school administration to notify your parents of this right. Complete the form found at www.nycenet.edu/Administration/NCLB/NCLBResources and hand it in to your guidance counselor as soon as possible in order to keep your information confidential.