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Greetings Ms. Golaszewski:

Surdists United is a non-profit organization committed to social justice via artistic expressions and ARTivism. It has come to our attention that you have used a great deal of our materials from our Surdists United and De'VIA curriculum websites for a guidebook on Deaf art.

We respectfully request that you do not incorporate these materials into your project as they are already publicly available and you have not formally contacted us for permission to reprint our content. Copying and pasting large portions of our material without our consent is not appropriate or authorized by us.

We are also concerned about the lack of French Deaf and DeafBlind creators being represented in your guidebook which is designed for Hearing French students. The US has a reputation for colonization and linguisticism. We support the recognition and advancement of Surdism, an art movement committed to social justice and equality, which is intended to be global and collective.

Sincerely,

Karen Christie
On behalf of Surdists United.