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**Notice of Eligibility for Exemption from Universal Reading Screening**

Date:

Student Name:

Grade Level:

Dear Family/Caregiver,

As part of California's efforts to identify and support students with reading difficulties early, all public schools are required to administer universal reading screening to students in grades K-2. However, California Education Code Section 53008(i) allows for students to be exempted from this screening requirement, provided that a parent or guardian gives prior written consent.

After reviewing your child's educational records, we have determined that your child meets the criteria for an exemption from the universal reading screening based on the following reason (checked below):

- ☐ Your child has a current identification or diagnosis of a reading difficulty, reading disorder, or other disability.
- ☐ Your child is eligible for special education and related services pursuant to the IDEA or a plan pursuant to Section 504.
- ☐ Your child is in the process of being assessed for eligibility for special education and related services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or a plan pursuant to Section 504, and the pupil is being evaluated with diagnostic assessments that make the pupil's assessment or evaluation using the screening instrument(s) redundant.

Because your child qualifies for an exemption, we are requesting your written consent to proceed with exempting your child from the required universal reading screening.

☐ **Yes, I give consent** for my child to be exempted from the universal reading screening as permitted under Education Code Section 53008(i).

☐ **No, I do not give consent.** I wish for my child to participate in the universal reading screening.

**Parent/Guardian Name (Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions about this notice or your child's exemption eligibility, please contact:

**[Staff Contact Name]**

**[Title/Position]**

**[Phone Number]**

**[Email Address]**

Sincerely,

**[Administrator Name]**

**[Title]**

**[School/District Name]**