Consent for the Use of Artificial Intelligence in School Psychology Services

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are committed to providing the best possible psychological services to support your child's educational and emotional well-being. As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance our services, we are incorporating artificial intelligence (AI) tools into some aspects of our school psychology practice. AI refers to computer systems designed to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence. These systems can analyze large amounts of data, recognize patterns, and make suggestions or predictions based on this analysis. We will use AI in a human-centered way to support, but not replace, human decision-making and expertise. This document explains how we plan to use AI and seeks your informed consent for its use.

How AI May Be Used
AI may be used in the following ways:
● To assist in analyzing assessment data and generating initial interpretations
● To help identify patterns in behavioral or academic data
● To suggest potential interventions based on your child's specific needs
● To assist in drafting portions of reports, which will always be reviewed and edited by a school psychologist

Potential Benefits
● More efficient data analysis, potentially leading to quicker insights
● More comprehensive analysis of assessment data
● Access to a broader range of potential interventions and strategies
● Improved consistency in data interpretation

Potential Risks and Limitations
● AI systems may have biases or make errors, which is why all AI-generated content will be reviewed by a school psychologist before it is presented to you
● AI cannot replace the judgment, empathy, and personalized care of a human
● There may be privacy concerns related to data handling by AI systems

Data Protection and Privacy
We are committed to protecting your child's privacy. All data used with AI systems will be anonymized and protected according to our standard data protection protocols and in

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compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. More about the possible risks and how we mitigate this risk are found on the *Data Protection and Privacy Details* page (attached).

Your Rights
- You have the right to ask questions about how AI is being used in your child's case. Please do not hesitate to ask your school psychologist questions.
- You can request that AI not be used in certain aspects of your child's assessment or treatment
- You can withdraw this consent at any time without affecting your child's right to receive psychological services

Consent
By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and understood this information and agree to the use of AI as described in our school psychology services for your child.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Psychologist Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [School Psychologist's Name] at [contact information].

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We want to provide the best possible help for your child's learning and feelings. We're starting to use smart computer programs, called AI, to help us. AI won't take over for us but will work with us to make things easier. This letter explains how we'll use AI and asks for your permission.

What is AI?

AI is like a very smart computer that can look at lots of information quickly and help us understand it. It can find patterns and make suggestions based on what it learns.

How AI Might Be Used:
- Help us understand test results and what they might mean.
- Help us find patterns in your child's behavior or schoolwork.
- Suggest ways to help your child based on their needs.
- Help us write parts of reports, but a person will always check and change them.

Why This Might Be Helpful:
- It can help us understand things faster
- It might give us more ideas to help your child
- It can help us be more consistent

Things to Be Careful About
- AI can make mistakes, so a real person will always check its work
- AI can't replace the care and understanding of a real person
- We need to be extra careful with your child's private information

Keeping Information Safe:
We promise to be careful to protect your child's privacy. All data used with AI will be kept private and safe, following our rules and the law. You can find more information about how we protect data on the attached Data Protection and Privacy Details page.

Your Rights:
- You can ask questions about how AI is being used for your child. Please talk to your school psychologist.
- You can say no to AI being used in certain parts of your child's work.
- You can change your mind about this permission at any time without affecting your child's right to get help from a school psychologist.

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We are committed to protecting your child's privacy. All data used with AI systems will be anonymized and protected according to our standard data protection protocols and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). However, it's important to note that the use of AI systems introduces some additional privacy considerations:

1. Data Processing: AI systems require data to function, which means your child's information (in anonymized form) will be processed by these systems.

2. Data Storage: While we take extensive precautions, any digital storage of data carries some inherent risk of unauthorized access.

3. Third-Party AI Providers: We may use AI tools provided by third-party companies. To mitigate risks associated with this, we have put an agreement in place with our AI service provider(s). This legally binding contract requires the provider to appropriately safeguard protected student information and comply with all FERPA regulations.

4. Potential for Re-identification: While we anonymize all data, there is a small theoretical risk that AI systems could potentially re-identify individuals based on unique patterns in their data.

To mitigate these risks, we:
● Strictly limit access to any identifiable information
● Use state-of-the-art encryption and security measures
● Regularly audit our data protection practices
● Only work with AI providers who have demonstrated robust security measures and signed an agreement with us

You have the right to request more detailed information about our specific data protection practices at any time. As a parent or eligible guardian, you also have the right to inspect and review your child's education records maintained by the school, as per FERPA regulations.

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