**Parent/Student Opt-Out Notice**

**Instructions**

Note: These instructions are designed to assist parents/guardians in completing the attached notice.

1. You are free to copy/share this Parent/Student Opt-Out Notice with other parents.
2. Submitting this notice provides the opportunity to exempt your child from sex education, third party surveys and/or mental health screening during the school year specified.
3. You may check all of the boxes, only one box, or a few boxes, depending on your particular beliefs.
4. When completed, make two copies, sign and date each copy in ink.
5. Proof of Service – Send the Opt-Out Notice to the school principal by Certified Mail, Signature Requested (preferred method). Alternately, it may be sent by any method whereby delivery can be confirmed. The principal’s signature serves as Proof of Service. ***You do not need nor are you asking for “agreement” or “authorization”.*** You only need proof that you delivered the Opt-Out Notice to the school.
6. As a second Proof of Service, take a completed notice to the school office. Ask the school secretary or school principal to sign and date, and/or to place the school “received” stamp on each copy of the notice. ***The Opt-Out Notice is an assertion of your legal rights and not an agreement.*** The signature from the school is not required to “validate” your demand. This school signature is only to serve as proof that the school was put on notice of your legal rights and that the violation of your rights could be legally actionable.
7. Keep one copy (with Proof of Service) for your family and ask that the school keep a copy in your child’s school records (the cumulative file).
8. Educate your child(ren) to report to you is school officials attempt to compel them to participate in activities from which they have been opted out.

This Opt-Out Notice must be resubmitted every year.

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To: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

Principal at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School

From: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Parent/s)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I/We the undersigned parent/guardian(s) have elected to invoke parental rights under the First Amendment of the United States, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, and/or any other state and federal laws. This is not a complaint against the school. Rather, it is an exercise of parental rights made necessary by events globally in which children have been harmed and their rights, safety and health injured by mental health and social-emotional learning initiatives based on special interest agendas rather than science and having no proof of long-term benefit to child development.

**Section 1:**

I/We elect to opt-out my/our child(ren) from participation in, or be given access to, any class, lesson, instruction, curriculum, assembly, guest speaker, activity, assignment, library material, online material, club, group, or association concerning:

* Gender Identity/Transgender: including gender identity, gender fluidity, gender as a social construct, gender binary, gender spectrum, gender non-conforming, gender queer, gender variant, gender expression, drag queen/king, transgender identity, transgender affirmation, gender/preferred pronouns, cisgender, gender change, gender transition, gender surgery, gender affirmation surgery, puberty blocking hormones, cross-sex hormones, “sex assigned at birth”, sex change; or
* Sexual Activity: sexual activity of any kind (sexual intercourse, vaginal/oral/anal/group sex, masturbation) sexual relationships (polysexual, pansexual, polyamory, swinging, relationship anarchy: or
* Sexual Orientation: any sexual orientation, including homosexual, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, two-spirit, “LGBT” or any acronymic variant thereof; or
* Abortion/Contraception: abortion methods/drugs/devices, how to get an abortion without parental knowledge, contraceptive methods/drugs/devices, how to get contraceptives without parental knowledge.
* Fundamentally negative perceptions of our country, our state, or our local governments and institutions and/or those who serve therein.
* The values, principles, and/or ideals of one’s own, one’s family, one’s religion or the country of the United States are incorrect, inferior, and/or limiting them from academic and/or social emotional growth and development.

With regard to (1) the biological processes of human reproduction in a science class or unit, (2) family composition/what makes a family, we ask for notice in advance and **sufficient time to review all of the materials and plans for instruction.**

**Section 2: **

I/We further explicitly invoke our rights as parent/guardian(s) to opt-out our child(ren) from participating in any survey, analysis, or evaluation, such as Panorama Education, that will reveal private information regarding:

* Political affiliations or beliefs of my/our child(ren) or parent(s);
* Mental or psychological problems of my/our child(ren) or his/her family;
* Social, emotional status of my child;
* Sexual behaviors or attitudes
* Student’s supports and environment

**Section 3: **

I/We do not consent to my/our child(ren)’s participants in any instruction, discussion or activity which is derived in whole or in part from, contains information from or references to the following sources:

* National Sexuality Education Standards
* Future of Sex Education (FoSE) initiative
* Sex, Etc.
* Advocates for Youth (AMAZE)
* Answer
* SIECUS (Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S.)
* Planned Parenthood
* The Kinsey Institute
* GLSEN (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network)
* Gay Straight Alliance
* TeenSource
* Howard Zinn/Zinn Education/Project1619
* Abolitionist Teachers Network

We expect all school officials to treat our child(ren), and all children opted out of any lesson with respect and dignity.

If the requests in this letter are not honored, or if our child experiences discrimination or any other mistreatment, we reserve the right to pursue any and all legal and equitable remedies available to us through state, federal, and constitutional law.

**Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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