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 Director

Parental Refusal for State Assessment Participation

Parents sign a statement upon enrollment in OLA agreeing their student will participate in all state testing. We have required this commitment because if OLA does not meet the required 95% participation rate for state testing, the school's accountability rating is lowered one full level, which is a significantly negative impact. On February 17, 2015, the State Board of Education adopted a motion to

not hold districts liable for the decisions of parents when these parents decide not to allow their children to take PARCC." The effect of this motion is that districts will not be penalized by a lowering of their accreditation rating should their student participation rates fall below 95% on the PARCC assessments due to parental refusal of their students to take the PARCC assessments. Districts still need to engage in good faith efforts to test all students in accordance with state and federal law and maintain documentation of parent refusals.

The results of the state testing can provide us with helpful information about individual students and the effectiveness of our program. While we believe the state assessment system can be improved, this notice is not intended to encourage parents to opt out of the testing. However, this form allows us to honor and respect parent wishes while still protecting OLA from penalty in the state accountability process.

NOTICE OF REFUSAL TO PARTICAPATE IN STATE ASSESSMENTS

Parents only need to complete and return this form if they are choosing to refuse for their child to participate in the state assessments.

I, _____, parent of _____
 (PRINT Parent Name) (PRINT Student Name)

hereby refuse for my student to participate in the following Spring 2015 state assessments checked below:

- PARCC Performance Based Assessments and PARCC End of Year Math and Language Assessments (all grades)
- CMAS Social Studies (4th & 7th grades only)
- CMAS Science (5th & 8th grades only)

I also certify that this was my decision as a parent, and that I was not encouraged by the school to "opt out" of the testing.

 (Parent Signature)

 (Date)



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