**Notice for Parent/Guardian Wishing to Decline**

**English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Services**

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| Student Name |  |
| State Student Identification Number |  |
| District |  |
| School |  |

On (date) you were notified by your child’s school that your child has been identified as an English learner (EL), through a Language Use Survey administered to you upon enrollment and an English language proficiency screener administered to your child. Federal civil rights law requires schools to provide English language development services to all students who are ELs. These services support a child’s English language and content acquisition so that the child may attain grade-level standards and achieve academic success.

You have expressed that you would like to decline your child’s English language development (ELD) services. Note that parents/guardians have the right to decline services; however, schools maintain an obligation to ensure that the needs of ELs are met, which may include continuing to provide English language development services as deemed necessary by a child’s team of educators. When a parent/guardian declines services, a student will still be administered a federally-mandated annual English language proficiency assessment until exiting by achieving proficiency.

Please complete the section below to confirm your understanding of the implications of declining your child’s ELD services.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, decline ELD services for my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* I understand that my child’s English proficiency assessment score indicates that he/she could benefit from English language development services and an Individualized Language Acquisition Plan.
* I understand that the school district is still obligated to meet state and federal requirements, including federally-mandated annual English language proficiency testing (ACCESS for ELLs).
* This is my decision and no one has encouraged me to decline ELD services for my child.
* I understand that I can change this decision at any time and my child will receive ELD services.
* I was invited to meet with school staff regarding ELD services. Yes No
* I was offered interpreter and translation services. Yes No

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Print full name

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Signature Date

Interpreter Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_