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Dear Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,

Starting in the 2019/2020 school year, all students in grades K-2 are required to be screened for Dyslexia.

Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin and characterized by difficulties with accurate fluent word recognition and poor spelling and decoding abilities; typically results from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction; may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impeded the growth of vocabulary and background knowledge; and may require the provision of special education services after an eligibility determination is made in accordance with 511 IAC 7-40.

This screening shall include, as developmentally appropriate, the following:

- Phonological and phonemic awareness
- Sound symbol recognition
- Alphabet knowledge
- Decoding skills
- Rapid naming skills
- Encoding skills

In accordance with SEA 217, if students are found to be “at risk” for Dyslexia during the universal screening, the school corporation is required to administer a Level 1 screening for additional information.

**Your child was found to be at some risk based on the recently administered Dyslexia universal screener.** With your permission, we would like to acquire further information to determine if dyslexia programming would benefit your child. Please understand that this screening is NOT an evaluation for special education. Please check the appropriate area on the back of this letter indicating your consent for this screening and return this form to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Mrs. Courtney Hopf, NDES Principal

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## Permission for Level 1 Dyslexia Screening

**Your child's recent universal Dyslexia screening results indicates more information is needed to determine what, if any, interventions are needed.**

The Level 1 Screener is NOT a special education screener and your child taking the Level 1 Screener DOES NOT mean that your child will be in special education. The Level 1 Screener will help the teacher figure out how to better help your child learn to read. Results from this screening *may* indicate that your child is at risk for Dyslexia and may qualify for interventions under the supervision of our Northeast Dubois County School Corporation Reading Specialist, Alexa Rasche. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Courtney Hopf at (812) 678-3011 (ext. 108) or at [chopf@nedubois.k12.in.us](mailto:chopf@nedubois.k12.in.us).

**Please sign and return this form to your child's teacher.**

I give consent for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to be administered a Level 1 Dyslexia screener.

OR

I do NOT give consent for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to be administered a Level 1 Dyslexia screener.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_