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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Visalia Unified School District is providing distance learning opportunities to provide your student with ongoing access to learning. This form identifies distance learning opportunities, or platforms the District may use, and asks for you to sign and return the attached form for your student to participate in these opportunities.

Distance learning is instruction in which the student and instructor are in different locations. Distance learning is being defined by the State of California to include video or audio instruction in which the primary mode of communication between the student and instructor is online interaction, instructional television, video, telecourses or conferences, or other instruction that relies on computer, virtual or communications technologies. It may also include the use of print materials incorporating assignments that are the subject of written or oral feedback. The aim of distance learning is to allow educators and providers, in collaboration with the District, to provide ongoing instruction and high quality educational opportunities.

The District will be utilizing the following platforms to support your student during this period:

- **Schoology** by PowerSchool- <https://www.schoology.com/terms-of-use>
- **Zoom** by Zoom Video Communications, Inc.- <https://zoom.us/terms>

The use of technology for the provision of educational opportunities through distance learning may result in the creation of pupil records not in the District's control, as well as student-generated content, and may result in the unintended revelation of personally identifiable student information beyond the District's control. The District acknowledges that many technology platforms maintain data shared on their platforms and want to provide you notice of the same. The District will attempt to work with the technology companies utilized in the provision of distance learning opportunities to ensure the privacy of students is maintained consistent with all relevant federal and state laws, including the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The District expects these companies will act consistently with common standards of student privacy used when providing educational services. Additionally, the District will make efforts to ensure the collection and use of any student data is limited to educational purposes only and seek to prevent the unauthorized release of student information or use of student data for marketing purposes.

1. DISTANCE LEARNING – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT

I understand and acknowledge:

- ✓ My child has the right to confidentiality as it pertains to distance learning.

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- ✓ I understand, by law, there are exceptions to confidentiality, including mandated reporting of child, elder, and dependent adult abuse as well as safety concerns related to danger to self and danger to others. I understand my provider may have to break confidentiality under these circumstances.
- ✓ My teacher and/or service provider will conduct educationally-related instruction by way of distance learning in a confidential setting.
- ✓ My child will remain in a confidential setting during receipt of distance learning to the extent possible, and within the District's control.
- ✓ I further understand it is illegal to record any instruction or educational session without the prior written consent of the principal and teacher/service provider.
- ✓ Telephone/audio/video transmission will not be retained by the District in any medium.
- ✓ I have the right to discuss any of this information with the teacher/service provider and/or principal and to ask questions I may have.
- ✓ I acknowledge and reaffirm my agreement under the District's Board Policies, Acceptable Use Policy, and the District's rights to monitor, regulate bullying, and sets expectations for good behavior while using this platform.
- ✓ I can withdraw my consent to this form at any time by providing written notice to the principal at my child's school.
- ✓ I have read and understand the information provided in this correspondence.

My signature below indicates I have read this consent form, understand, and agree to the District's distance learning guidelines, use of technology, including online, virtual and communications platforms to provide high quality educational opportunities to my child.

Student Name (Please print) _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____