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#### **Exhibit A—Sex Offender Visitation Request**

If you are a registered sex offender, you must seek permission to visit a campus premises by completing this form and submitting it to the Principal's office for approval. After a decision is made to grant or deny permission to visit, a copy of the form will be returned to you. This information will be kept in the District and Principal's main office. Unless an exception has been granted and a written agreement entered into providing an exemption, you are required by law to immediately notify the campus main office of your presence on the campus premises and your registration status.

**Notice:** Until written permission is received, you may not visit District property except under the limited circumstances described in GKC(LOCAL) and (REGULATION).

Name (print):
Signature:
Address:
Today's date:
Campus or visit location:
Date of requested visit:
I request permission to be on campus premises for the following reasons (please be specific):

#### For Office Use Only

(che	eck ap	ppropriate box)			
	Permission is granted for the above individual, who is a registered sex offender, to have access to the school campus for the following purpose(s): <i>(check all appropriate boxes)</i>				
		Transporting his or her child to or from school;			
		Picking up his or her child's assignments from the campus administrative office;			
		Attending scheduled meetings or conferences with school personnel to discuss matters related to his or her child; and			
		Attending ceremonies, competitions, or performances in which his or her child is participating;			
	Permission is denied.				
Prin	cipal's	s signature:			
Date	e:				

# Exhibit B—Agreement Exempting Registered Sex Offender from Notification Requirements

**Notice:** Until written permission is received, you may not visit District property except under the limited circumstances described in GKC(LOCAL) and (REGULATION).

In accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 62.065, a person who has entered into a written agreement with a school may be exempt from the requirements to immediately notify the main office of the school of the person's presence and registration status when on the premises of any school during standard operating hours.

pres	s agreement exempts you from the requirement to notify the campus main office of your sence on the premises of (campus) and registration status only under following circumstance:
	Transporting your child to and from school in designated pick-up and drop-off locations outside the building; or
	(Add other circumstances):
kep	must comply with Article 62.065 under all other circumstances. This agreement will be t in the District main office and provided to the appropriate campus administrator at the npus you wish to visit.
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	ay's date:
	mpus:
	perintendent's signature:
Date	e·

#### **GKC (REGULATION)**

## PROCEDURES REGARDING A CAMPUS VISITOR WHO IS REGISTERED AS A SEX OFFENDER

#### **Purpose**

In GKC (LOCAL), the Roma Independent School District ("District") Board of Trustees instructs the District Superintendent to develop and implement procedures regarding a campus visitor who is registered as a sex offender. As required by GKC (LOCAL), these procedures address parental rights; escort by District personnel; access to classrooms; drop off and release of students; eligibility to serve as volunteers; and other relevant issues.

In order to protect our students and staff and safeguard the learning environment at the District, registered sex offender visitors (for brevity referred to herein as "RSOs") must adhere to the following guidelines, subject to any state law, federal law or court order. The Superintendent may deviate from these rules if doing so would provide greater protection to students and staff. These procedures assume the RSO is not prohibited by law or court order from visiting a school campus. Failure to abide by these requirements may result in temporary and/or permanent barring from District campuses and facilities.

#### **Parental Rights**

The District lacks the legal authority to remove parental rights from an RSO. Similarly, the District lacks the authority to disregard the terms of conviction and/or probation of an RSO and will strictly adhere to all terms of conviction and/or probation without exception.

All RSOs must report to the school office and be required to present a government-issued photo ID, state the reason for being on campus and obtain approval from the campus principal or designee (Please see **GKC** (**Exhibit**) - **Exhibit A Sex Offender Visitation Request**). The principal or designee of each school shall ensure that staff are trained and able to verify whether a visitor to a district campus is an RSO with the computerized central database maintained by the Department of Public Safety as provided by Code of Criminal Procedure 62.005 or any other database accessible by the district. An RSO must produce certified copies of court records concerning his or her registration and any restrictions imposed on him or her of he or she is seeking access to a campus of the District.

#### RSO Is Not A Parent/Guardian

Subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Elections Code, an RSO who is not a parent or guardian as defined under state or federal law and who does not have any legitimate business (as determined by the campus principal or designee) to be present on campus is prohibited from visiting any school campus. If the RSO is not a parent, guardian, or other documented custodian of a student on the campus with a legitimate business reason (as determined by the campus principal or designee) the principal or designee will ask the person to immediately leave the District premises. The situation will be immediately reported to District to ensure the individual leaves the premises. Additionally, the principal or designee shall make a written report to be

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delivered to the Superintendent no later than (24) hours after the incident. The Superintendent shall maintain a record of such incidents and monitor said records for repeat offenders and other trends.

#### RSO Is A Parent/Guardian

An RSO who is a parent or guardian as defined under state or federal law who has a legitimate business reason to be on campus (as determined by the campus principal or designee) must notify the administrative office of the school of the person's presence on the premises of the school and the person's registration status.

If the RSO has legitimate business with their child's teacher, counselor or their child, then the teacher, counselor, or child will be brought to the administrative office of the school and will be supervised by the principal or designee. The RSO shall be escorted by the principal or designee at all times while on the premises of the school.

#### **Escort By District Personnel**

An administrator, as designated by the campus principal, will accompany the registered sex offender visitor when on campus. The RSO must not be allowed to enter into certain areas unsupervised. These areas include such spaces as classrooms, restrooms, conference rooms, offices, and areas where children may go to seek adult assistance.

#### Access To Classroom

Access to classrooms will only be allowed for observation of the RSO's student, while accompanied by District personnel.

#### **Drop Off and Release of Students**

An RSO may drop off and pick up his or her student in designated drop-off and pickup areas only. No other access will be allowed while dropping off or picking up, unless accompanied by District personnel. The principal or designee will make staff members who are responsible for supervising drop-offs/pick-ups aware of the person's status as a registered sex offender. Supervisory staff members will visually verify that the visitor is dropping off/picking up the correct student.

Eligibility to Serve as Volunteers

An RSO may not serve as a volunteer.

Access To Playgrounds

RSOs shall not be allowed on the playground during bus arrival/dismissal time, during school hours, and during after school hours if students are present on campus.

#### Extracurricular Activities, Programs, Graduations, Etc.

If the RSO is not otherwise prohibited from attending school activities, the parent shall be escorted by the principal or designee at all times while attending school activities. The parent will only have access to areas of the campus that are required to fulfill the purpose of his or her visit. All restroom visits must be accompanied by District personnel.

### COMMUNITY RELATIONS VISITORS

GKC (LEGAL)

#### Identification

A district may require a person who enters a district campus to display the person's driver's license or another form of identification containing the person's photograph issued by a governmental entity.

#### **Visitor Database**

A district may establish an electronic database for the purpose of storing information concerning visitors to district campuses. Information stored in the electronic database may be used only for the purpose of school district security and may not be sold or otherwise disseminated to a third party for any purpose.

#### **Sex Offenders**

A district may verify whether a visitor to a district campus is a sex offender registered with the computerized central database maintained by the Department of Public Safety as provided by Code of Criminal Procedure 62.005 or any other database accessible by the district.

A board shall adopt a policy regarding the action to be taken by the administration of a school campus when a visitor is identified as a sex offender.

#### Education Code 38.022

### Notice of Entry onto School Premises

"Premises" means a building or portion of a building and the grounds on which the building is located, including any public or private driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, or parking garage on the grounds.

"School" means a private or public elementary or secondary school or a day-care center.

A registered sex offender who enters the premises of any school in Texas during the standard operating hours of the school shall immediately notify the administrative office of the school of the person's presence on the premises of the school and the person's registration status. The office may provide a chaperon to accompany the person while the person is on the premises of the school.

#### These requirements do not apply to:

- 1. A student enrolled at the school;
- 2. A student from another school participating at an event at the school: or
- 3. A person who has entered into a written agreement with the school that exempts the person from these requirements.

Code of Crim. Proc. 62.065; Health and Safety Code 481.134

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### COMMUNITY RELATIONS VISITORS

GKC (LEGAL)

Ordinances in General-Law Municipalities

"Child safety zone" means premises where children commonly gather. The term includes a school, day-care facility, playground, public or private youth center, public swimming pool, video arcade facility, or other facility that regularly holds events primarily for children.

"Playground," "premises," "school," "video arcade facility," and "youth center" have the meanings assigned by Health and Safety Code 481.134.

"Registered sex offender" means an individual who is required to register as a sex offender under Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 62.

To provide for the public safety, the governing body of a generallaw municipality by ordinance may restrict a registered sex offender from going in, on, or within a specified distance of a child safety zone in the municipality.

It is an affirmative defense to prosecution of an offense under the ordinance that the registered sex offender was in, on, or within a specified distance of a child safety zone for a legitimate purpose, including transportation of a child that the registered sex offender is legally permitted to be with, transportation to and from work, and other work-related purposes.

The ordinance may establish a distance requirement at any distance of not more than 1,000 feet.

The ordinance shall establish procedures for a registered sex offender to apply for an exemption from the ordinance.

The ordinance must exempt a registered sex offender who established residency in a residence located within the specified distance of a child safety zone before the date the ordinance is adopted. The exemption must apply only to areas necessary for the registered sex offender to have access to and to live in the residence, and the period the registered sex offender maintains residency in the residence.

#### Local Gov't Code 341.906

Military Recruiters' Access to Students

Each district receiving assistance under the ESEA shall provide military recruiters the same access to secondary school students as is provided generally to institutions of higher education or to prospective employers of those students. 20 U.S.C. 7908(a)(3)

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test Each school year each school district shall provide students in grades 10 through 12 an opportunity to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test and consult with a military recruiter. [See EK] *Education Code 29.9015* 

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### COMMUNITY RELATIONS VISITORS

GKC (LOCAL)

Prominent notices shall be posted at each campus requiring all visitors to first report to the campus main office. This shall apply to parents, volunteers, social service workers, invited speakers, maintenance and repair persons not employed by the District, vendors, representatives of the news media, former students, and any other visitors. Visits to individual classrooms during instructional time shall be permitted only with the principal's and teacher's approval, and such visits shall not be permitted if their duration or frequency interferes with the delivery of instruction or disrupts the normal classroom environment.

[See BBE(LOCAL) for visits to District facilities by Board members.]

# Registered Sex Offender on a School Campus

The Superintendent and campus administrators shall develop and implement procedures regarding a campus visitor who is registered as a sex offender. These procedures shall address:

- Parental rights;
- 2. Escort by District personnel;
- 3. Access to common areas of the campus;
- 4. Access to classrooms;
- 5. Drop off and release of students;
- 6. Eligibility to serve as volunteers; and
- 7. Any other relevant issues.

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### COMMUNITY RELATIONS VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS

GKC (LOCAL)

Prominent notices shall be posted at each campus requiring all visitors to first report to the campus administrative office. This shall apply to parents, Board members, volunteers, social service workers, invited speakers, maintenance and repair persons not employed by the District, vendors, representatives of the news media, former students, and any other visitors.

Visits to individual classrooms during instructional time shall be permitted only with the principal's and teacher's approval, and such visits shall not be permitted if their duration or frequency interferes with the delivery of instruction or disrupts the normal school environment.

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS ON DISTRICT PREMISES The Superintendent, working with campus administrators, shall develop and implement procedures regarding campus visitors who are identified as sex offenders. These procedures shall address:

- 1. Parental rights;
- 2. Escort by District personnel;
- 3. Access to common areas of the campus;
- 4. Access to classrooms;
- 5. Drop off and release of students;
- 6. Eligibility to serve as volunteers; and
- 7. Any other relevant issues.

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