

## Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you of an important update regarding services provided within the Warren County Schools' English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Due to new legislation from the Tennessee General Assembly, parents must now provide consent for their children to be audio recorded as part of the ESL program.

**Legislation Overview:** The Tennessee General Assembly has enacted the “Families’ Rights and Responsibilities Act” (SB2749/HB2936), which underscores the fundamental rights of parents in making decisions about their child’s care, including education and health services in school settings. This law requires that parents provide specific consent for any audio recording of their child during ESL services.

**What This Means for You:** The enclosed **Parent Consent for Audio Recording** form pertains specifically to the audio recording of students during English Language Proficiency assessments, including the **Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessment (Alt ELPA)** and the **English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA)**. These assessments are crucial for evaluating your child's language development and ensuring they receive the necessary support.

**Impact of Non-Consent:** If we do not receive your consent for audio recording, it could significantly disrupt the services provided to your child, including practice and progress monitoring activities that are essential for their language development. Additionally, we will be using **Nearpod** and **SummitK12** throughout the year to support your child’s learning, and these tools also require the ability to monitor progress through audio recordings.

### Next Steps:

1. **Review and Sign:** Please carefully review the enclosed consent form. If you consent to allow audio recording as part of the ESL program, please sign and date the form.
2. **Return the Form:** Return the signed form to your child’s teacher or the school office.
3. **Contact Us:** If you have any questions or need further clarification, please feel free to contact the school office.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and your continued support of your child's education in Warren County Schools.

Sincerely,

Dr. Grant Swallows  
Director of Schools  
Warren County Schools