Buckeye Central Local Schools

Third Grade Reading Guarantee: Parent Opt-Out for Retention

Student Name: _____

Purpose of This Form

Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee law requires that students demonstrate reading proficiency by the end of third grade. If a student does not meet the required reading benchmarks, the law generally requires retention in third grade.

However, parents have the option to **opt out of the retention consequence** if they believe that retention is not in the best interest of their child. This form allows parents or guardians to formally indicate their decision to waive the retention requirement.

Important Information

- Retention is intended to provide additional time and support to help students improve reading skills.
- Opting out of retention means your child will be promoted to the fourth grade even if they do not meet the reading proficiency standards.
- Your child will continue to receive reading support and intervention services as needed.

Parent/Guardian Decision

I, the undersigned, am the parent or legal guardian of the student named above. After careful consideration and discussion with school personnel, I choose to:

☐ Opt out of the retention consequence under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee for the current school year. I understand that by opting out, my child will be promoted to the fourth grade despite not meeting the required reading proficiency benchmarks, and that reading support will continue to be provided.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____