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PARENT/GUARDIAN OPT-OUT FORM
California Early Literacy Screener (K–2 Reading Difficulties Screener)
Pursuant to Education Code § 53008(e), (f)

Dear Parent or Guardian,

In alignment with **California Education Code Section 53008**, our school administers an **early literacy screener** to all students in **Kindergarten through Grade 2** to identify students who may be at risk for reading difficulties, including characteristics of dyslexia. This screener is part of our commitment to early identification and support of literacy needs to promote student success.

However, parents/guardians have the right to **opt their child out** of this screener. If you do **not** wish for your child to participate, please complete and return this form by **September 5, 2025**.

Student Information

- **Student Name:** _____
- **Grade:** _____
- **Teacher:** _____
- **School:** _____

Parent/Guardian Statement

I am the parent/legal guardian of the student listed above. I understand that the California Early Literacy Screener is used to identify potential reading difficulties and inform appropriate instructional supports.

By signing below, I **choose to opt my child out** of participation in the Kindergarten–2nd Grade Reading Difficulties Screener as allowed under Education Code § 53008(e), (f).

☐ **I DO NOT consent to my child being screened for reading difficulties.**

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Parent/Guardian Information

- **Printed Name:** _____
- **Signature:** _____
- **Date:** _____
- **Phone Number:** _____
- **Email (optional):** _____

Please return this completed form to your child's teacher or the school office by **September 5, 2025**. If you have questions, contact **Kate Westrich, Director of Instruction and Student Services** at kwestrich@mwusd.org.

Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,
Dr. Rachel Valenzuela
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