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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are taking a proactive approach to help identify any students in need of special support. Our district is currently using a tool called the Diagnostic Predictive Scales (DPS) to help identify children who may suffer from a variety of mental health issues. The DPS is a computer based program that uses audio to ask children a variety of non-intrusive questions about their feelings and possible symptoms. The DPS can be customized for each student so the questions they are asked pertain to them specifically.

The use of the Diagnostic Predictive Scales has been proven to identify early warning signs of mental illness. School staff, parents, and professionals have been able to use to information from the DPS results to better understand a child's mental health. The results of the DPS will be explained to you by your child's counselor if you agree to the administration of the DPS. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

School Staff

My child _____ has permission to take the Diagnostic Predictive Scales.

Parent signature _____ Date _____