Newton County Schools
30 Day Waiver of Immunization Certificate #3231

STUDENT'S NAME: _____
(Last) *(First)* *(Middle)*

EXPIRATION DATE on 3231 Form: _____ **GRADE:** _____ **DOB:** _____

Georgia Law (Georgia Code 20-2-771) requires a Georgia Certificate of Immunization **or** a notarized statement that says immunizations are against the parent's religion be on file for every student. The **Immunization form (Form 3231)** is provided by the Georgia Department of Human Resources. The notarized statement is called an **"Affidavit of Religious Exemption (Form 2208)"**. Students without the required Certificate of Immunization or statement **cannot attend school** virtually or in person.

However, the law provides for a waiver of this requirement for 30 calendar days which allows the parent/guardian to get a valid certificate or affidavit of religious exemption. Based upon your intention to secure the necessary **Georgia Certificate of Immunization**, your son/daughter is granted a 30-day waiver of the Immunization requirement and **will be enrolled for 30 days until the date listed at the bottom of this form**. If you successfully obtain the appropriate Georgia Certificate of Immunization, then the certificate should be taken to the school immediately, but **in all cases, within 30 days**.

As the parent/guardian, please contact your child's healthcare provider or the local health department to obtain the necessary certificate. The Newton County Department of Health (local health department) can assist you. Please make sure you take the student, and any immunization records you have to the healthcare provider or health center.

Georgia allows for two types of exemptions from the Immunization requirements: medical and religious. A **medical exemption** must be marked on the Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231) and must be reviewed by a physician once a year. This is indicated by the **"Date of Expiration"**. If there is a **religious exemption (Form 2208)**, the parent/guardian must give the school a signed and dated notarized statement or affidavit stating that immunizations are against their religious beliefs. The affidavit does not expire, however it will be void if additional vaccines are received.

Unless a Georgia Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231) **or** religious exemption (Form 2208) is **submitted by the date listed below**, the student must be withdrawn from school until such time the required certificate is submitted to the school. (**For out-of-state transfers, Georgia law provides for a possible waiver extension under strict provisions while immunizations are being received. Contact the principal or Student Health Services at 770-787-1330 for details**).

Our school system regrets any inconvenience this Georgia State Law may cause. Thank you for your cooperation and compliance to this requirement.

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I understand the conditions under which my child is being enrolled in school and know he/she will be withdrawn after 30 days if a Certificate of Immunization or affidavit of religious exemption is not submitted by: _____.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Official Signature: _____ Date: _____