Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, is an extremely contagious virus, which can cause serious medical conditions, including death. COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, and as a result, federal, state, and local governments along with federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in some circumstances, limited the congregation of people. COVID-19 is so contagious that even the most extraordinary measures has not halted its spread amongst our population.

The District School Board of Pasco County (DSBPC or District) has initiated reasonable, precautionary measures in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, given the extremely contagious nature of COVID-19, the DSBPC cannot guarantee that your child(ren) will not contract the virus while attending or engaging in school-related and/or extracurricular activities. In fact, the increased exposure of attending or engaging in such activities could increase your child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID-19, despite the DSBPC’s reasonable efforts to reduce the spread of the virus.

READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ATTEND OR ENGAGE IN AN ACTIVITY AT WHICH THEY MAY BE EXPOSED TO AND CONTRACT COVID-19. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY AND ITS EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS (HEREINAFTER, DSBPC) USE REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY CONTRACT COVID-19 AND MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY COVID-19 BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY AND THE VIRUS WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD’S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM THE DSBPC IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY AND THE VIRUS, AND FOR RISKS ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OR RECKLESSNESS OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE DSBPC. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND THE DSBPC HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)’s engagement in or attendance at a DSBPC sponsored event. On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the DSBPC, of and from the claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the DSBPC, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any DSBPC sponsored event.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian          Date

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PRINT Name of Parent/Guardian         Student(s) Name