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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Alabama State Department of Education and Alabama Department of Public Health requires that school districts in Alabama offer and provide Scoliosis screening for male and female students in grades 5-9. **The scoliosis screening date is March 27, 2024.**

Screening is performed by observing the uncovered spine, viewing the student from the back, side, and front with the student bending forward. If a spinal problem is suspected, the student will be rechecked at a second screening. The parent/guardian of the student found to have signs of a possible spinal abnormality will be asked to see their personal physician for further evaluation.

Girls and boys will be screened separately, and each student will be in a cubicle space to ensure their privacy. They may wear gym clothes, bathing suits, or other clothing that may be easily removed. If your student is currently under treatment for a spinal abnormality, please let us know and your student will be exempt from the screening process.

Please sign below, indicating your wishes for screening. The deadline for completed consent forms is **March 25, 2024.**

**Please note: If a signed consent form is not received by the deadline, your student will not be screened.**

I **do wish** for my son/daughter to be included in the scoliosis screening.

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Student Name

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Parent/Guardian signature

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the contact me.

Thank you,

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