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Dear Parent(s)/Guardians(s):

The State of New Jersey Department of Education passed legislation affording public school parents the opportunity to choose whether or not they wish to permit their child to participate in certain experiments which involve animals. Public school pupils from kindergarten through grade 12 may refuse to dissect, vivisect, incubate, capture or otherwise harm or destroy animals or any parts thereof as part of the course of instruction.

Children whose parent(s)/guardian(s) choose to have their children not participate in these science experiments would be provided with alternate science projects as a replacement for these activities. If you decide not to have your child(ren) participate in science experiments involving animals, you must return this letter with the completed form to the main school office with all other documents that must be returned to the school. This return must be done within the first 3 days of school in order to exempt your child(ren) from participation so that appropriate alternate educational projects could be assigned.

If you have any questions regarding this legislation, you can secure a copy of it on line at <http://www.nj.gov/njded/aps/cccs/science/resources.htm>.

I choose that my child _
does not participate in the following activities that are listed above in this letter.

Dissect (dissection of dead animal organisms) _____

Vivisect (dissection of living animal organisms) _____

Incubate _____

Capture _____

Otherwise harm or destroy animals or any parts thereof _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____