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DATE: _____

TO: _____

FROM: _____

RE: Transfer of Parental Rights at Age of Majority

Massachusetts Special Education regulations (603 CMR 28.07(5)) indicate that when a student reaches age eighteen, he or she shall have the right to make all decisions in relation to special education programs and services. The school district has the obligation to obtain consent from the student to continue the student's special education program. The parent will continue to receive written notices and information but will no longer have decision making authority, except as provided below:

- (a) If the parent has sought and received guardianship from a court of competent jurisdiction, then the parent retains full decision-making authority. The parent shall not have authority to override any decision or lack of decision made by the student who has reached the age of majority unless the parent has sought or received guardianship or other legal authority from a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (b) The student, upon reaching the age of majority and in the absence of any court actions to the contrary, may choose to share decision-making with his or her parent (or other willing adult), including allowing the parent to co-sign the IEP. Such choice shall be made in the presence of the Team and shall be documented in written form. The student's choice shall prevail at any time that a disagreement occurs between the adult student and the parent or other adult with whom the student has shared decision-making.
- (c) The student, upon reaching the age of majority and in the absence of any court actions to the contrary, may choose to delegate continued decision-making to his or her parent, or other willing adult. Such choice shall be made in the presence of at least one representative of the school district and one other witness and shall be documented in written form and maintained in the student record.

Please complete the following and return to the Team Chairperson.

I have read the above stated options and discussed them at a TEAM meeting on: _____ (Date)

I have chosen the following option: A ____ B ____ C ____

The parent will no longer have decision-making authority: _____

Student Signature

Date