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This information/form has been recently updated by the District as of July 2018.

It is the intent of the Greencastle-Antrim School District to remain neutral toward families split by divorce or separation. We will not take sides with one parent against the other where there may be possible conflict over children attending school. If you have a court decree that establishes you as legal guardian/parent, with either physical or legal custody (or both), please provide us a copy of such a document for attachment to your child's permanent record. We will use this document as a legal basis for working with the guardians/parents having legal or physical custody rights. However, please be aware that it is not the responsibility of the School District to enforce guardian/parental compliance with these custodial agreements (e.g. compliance with custody schedule).

The School District will treat both parents in a child custody situation the same as it would parents of an intact family. Absent a specific court order to the contrary, both parents have equal rights to pick up the child after school or remove the child from school for a doctor's appointment or similar lawful reason. It is not the School District's role to review court orders for physical custody, try to determine which parent has physical custody on what day and at what time and to "referee" parental disputes over physical custody. If the parents cannot agree as to who has physical custody rights on a given date or at a given time, the remedy for the parents is to resolve the dispute among themselves or rely upon their attorneys and the Court to find a solution.

Of course, the School District will strictly comply with any Court Order that indicates a parent/guardian has no physical custody rights or no right of unsupervised physical custody, or if there is a protection from abuse order. Any dissatisfaction regarding a guardian/parent's compliance with the custodial relationship will need to be resolved with attorneys or through the judicial system. Absent a court order to the contrary, both parents have equal rights to access the education records of the child. **The District is not under any legal obligation to provide two sets of all paperwork that is sent home with a child to each parent; it is the parent's responsibility to share documents with each other.** The District fulfills its obligation by providing one set of paperwork for the child and relying on the parents to cooperate in communicating with one another. Overall, the District strives to work with both parents with respect to the education of their child.

If the status of your custodial arrangement changes, the School District needs to be aware of the change. Please give us a copy of the most up-to-date document as soon as any changes occur.

I have read the above:

Parent Signature

Date

Name of Child/Children

Name of School

Name of Child/Children

Name of School

Name of Child/Children

Name of School

OFFICE USE:

Received: Legal document on file

____yes ____no Date _____

Staff Initials _____