[Enter the date]

Dear [principal name],

Our child, [name], is very excited for the [school year, i.e., 2022-2023] school year. We are writing to make the following opt-out requests:

1. Please exempt our child from all **lessons, events, school assemblies** or other instructional **activities and programs** which cover human sexuality, including LGBTQ+ sexuality, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 71, Section 32A. Please also notify me in advance about such lessons, events, activities, etc. While we understand that some parents do not object to this type of content being taught at school, we feel strongly that these matters are best discussed at home.

2. Please exempt our child from any **surveys** that ask about our child's sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health, religion, political beliefs, sexual behavior, or drug use, pursuant to the PPRA, 20 U.S. Code § 1232h. Please notify me in advance about any such surveys.

3. Please respect our child's constitutional right to privacy and do not ask our child to disclose [his /her] sexual orientation, gender identity, or personal pronouns.

As we are sure you know, state law also requires that no student shall be penalized by reason of any exemptions allowed by law, for example by denying him or her course credit. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education further advises that, "In order to ensure that all students receive the structured learning time due them, the school should make efforts to accommodate the exempted student in another class, assign an alternative educational project, or provide the student with a directed study period for the duration of the exemption." *See* Commissioner of Education's April 7, 1997 "Advisory Opinion on the Parental Notification Law."

Thank you for understanding our position and for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this letter, you can contact us at [phone number]. We are looking forward to a great school year!

Respectfully,

[Insert parents' names]