**Rockdale County Public Schools**

**Participation to Consent in Mediation**

I understand that this process is **voluntary** and that at any time I can refuse to participate in the mediation.

RCPS policy requires that peer mediators agree to hold conﬁdential all information entrusted to them except when a student reveals information such as:

* there is concern that a person is a threat to his/her own safety;
* there is a concern that a person is a threat to the safety of others;
* there is a concern that a student is a victim of abuse.

\* *Peer mediators are required to inform the coordinator who will take the*

*responsibility for handling such issues*.

I understand that the process is private and conﬁdential. Only the mediators & the coordinator may be in the room during the mediation and that no information shared here, other than the exceptions to conﬁdentiality, will leave the room.

In addition to my consent to participate, I agree to the following ground rules to create a safe environment for communication:

Agree to solve the problem;

Agree to be truthful;

Agree to respect each other by avoiding using put-downs, name-calling, and fighting.

Agree to listen without interruption.

Agree to carry out my part of the agreement, if one is created.

Agree to keep all information confidential.

Agree to make up all class work.

I agree to participate in this mediation process in order to resolve this conﬂict.

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