Parent Notification and Authorization for Online Education Services and Applications COPPA Consent Form

The Twinsburg City School District ("TCSD") seeks to enhance students' education through the use of technology and online educational tools and resources. Specifically, teachers may use a variety of web-based services and applications to supplement curriculum, teach 21st century skills, provide collaboration experiences, and personalize each student's education. The Director of Curriculum and Technology is responsible for researching, reviewing and approving the most effective web-based tools for learning. Most of these services and applications are offered by third parties. Some of the approved online services and applications that are used include online textbooks, IXL, Brainpop Jr., Raz-Kids, Naviance, and Google Workspace for Education. A full list of approved online tools and resources can be found on the <u>District's Student Data Privacy Page</u>.

Use of online services and apps may involve cloud-based storage of student school work and/or the collection of personally identifiable information. In order for a student to use certain services/apps, the service provider may require the provision of a student's first and last name, age, TCSD network username, TCSD-issued email address, and/or password.

Under Federal Law (the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act – "COPPA"), these websites must provide parental notification and obtain verifiable parental consent before collecting personal information from children. The law, however, permits school districts to obtain this consent thereby eliminating the need for each website operator to request parental consent. For more information on COPPA, please visit the <u>Federal Trade Commission's website</u>.

Parent/Guardian consent is entirely voluntary. However, students that do not have permission to use these services/apps will be unable to access or participate in most of the activities conducted online. TCSD is not able to make exceptions to the policy nor allow parents to only select specific products. Classroom teachers will provide alternative assignments for students who are excused from usage of online tools. By law, a service provider may be required, upon request, to provide a parent/guardian with a description of the identifying information collected, to provide an opportunity to review the information and have it deleted, to provide an opportunity to prevent further use of information, to maintain the confidentiality of any information, and to obtain parental/guardian consent for any use or disclosure of information for commercial purposes. For more information regarding your child's access to and use of these resources, please contact the Director of Curriculum & Technology, or your child's classroom teacher.

Consent: I understand certain websites/services/apps may collect personal information pertaining to my child, and certify that the District has my consent to provide this identifying information to the operators of the web-based educational services and applications. I grant consent to my child to use these websites/services/apps for school-related purposes.

*Each employee, student, or non-student user of the Twinsburg City School District Information System is expected to be familiar with and follow the expectations and requirements of Board Policy and Administrative Guideline <u>7540.03</u> or <u>7540.04</u>, as applicable.