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**English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA21)  
Refusal Documentation Form**

*Please print the following information:*

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of assessment: \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent/guardian of the above named student, I choose for my child to not participate in the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA21).

My reason for this decision is: \_\_\_\_\_

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I have read and understand the benefits and consequences listed on the back of this form. In particular, I understand that:

- If my child does not take the ELPA21, teachers and staff lack sufficient information about the instructional needs for my child.
- By refusing to take the assessment, a zero score is generated and counts against Vashon Island School District's Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives federal accountability targets.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

School Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

*This form is to be filed within the student's cumulative record located at the school building and a copy will be sent to the District assessment Coordinator.*

## **Benefits for Students Taking the ELPA21**

- The ELPA21 is the only standardized test given that assesses English Language proficiency in listening, reading, writing and speaking.
- Teachers and staff can gain information about students' progress toward meeting English Language proficiency, and can plan instruction accordingly.
- The ELPA21 performance provides a profile of the student's strengths and weaknesses in the English Language proficiency areas of listening, reading, writing and speaking.
- Because the ELPA21 assesses the student's progress toward meeting standards, information regarding the performance of district groups of students can help district staff make decisions about the effectiveness of various instructional programs.

## **Consequences When Students Do Not Take the ELPA21**

- Teachers and staff lack full information about the instructional needs of students who do not take the ELPA21, which could lead to some students not receiving all the instructional support they might need to be successful later in school.
- Our school district is deprived the opportunity to fully analyze district performance for our English language learners.
- By refusing to take the ELPA21, a zero score is generated and counts against Vashon Island School District's Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives federal accountability targets.