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Dear Parent / Guardian:

Your son / daughter may be involved in a variety of activities, which involve students leaving the school grounds on foot. School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) policy requires the school to have the consent of parents each time a student leaves the school grounds. Some examples of activities that involve a “walking field trip” in support of the curriculum could include:

- Jogging in the neighbourhood on a Terry Fox Run or for PE on a designated route.
- Walking to a nearby park.
- Walking to a nearby beach.
- Walks to gather leaves, pine cones and other materials for art projects.
- Pitch-in or annual neighbourhood litter clean-up.
- Walking to a nearby creek to observe salmon spawning and to study stream ecology.
- Outings to look for signs of spring or other seasonal changes.
- Walks to study environmental print and shapes in the neighbourhood – e.g. street signs.
- Nature walks along local trails for exploration in support of science topics.

For all of these activities, proper footwear and clothing are needed and following the instructions of the adult supervisor(s) would be expected behaviour. The school’s Code of Conduct applies on all field trips. Please discuss behavioural expectations with your child, as it is important that students hear the same message both at home and at school.

Rather than send home a permission slip for each small venture, we are asking your cooperation in reviewing this annual permission form, which will cover all neighbourhood activities that do not require transportation by vehicle. There will be sufficient adult supervision for every walking field trip.

In accordance with board regulation #1130 governing same-day travel/day hikes by students held off the school property, parents would be informed of any such activities by advance written communication. We will make every effort to give parents as much notice for walking field trips as possible.

By allowing your son/daughter to participate in walking field trips similar to those described above, you are accepting the risk of any accident, if one should occur. Your signature on the following page indicates that you support your child in participating in day trips.

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Permission for Walking Education Trips and Activities

Teacher: _____

School: _____

I give my consent for my child, _____ to participate in walking field trips in the vicinity of my child's school for the _____ school year.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return the completed form to the school as soon as possible – thanks.