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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of our literacy program, students engage with various texts in book clubs and during independent reading. As our students become more mature, so does the content of their reading material. The titles offered in the classroom may have sections that address serious and sensitive topics, some of which could include strong or offensive language, violence, and references to drugs or sex. Texts which contain some or all of these topics include, but may not be limited to:

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith  
*In the Shadow of Blackbirds* by Cat Winters

Our Board of Education approves all of our titles for use as choice texts. If you would like to preview any of our books, please contact your child's teacher so that you can be provided with a copy. If you should decide this book is inappropriate for your child, an alternate text will be provided.

Please sign the section below if you **do not** wish for your child to read a specific text and return it to your child's English Language Arts teacher.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stacey Brown  
Supervisor of Humanities

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I **do not** give permission for my child to read the following titles.

Titles:

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Student Name:

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Parent/Guardian's Signature:

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