**Dyslexia Screener** **SAMPLE**

Parent Notification Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian:

According to Mississippi Code 37-173-1, all students in grades kindergarten and first grade are required to be screened for dyslexia using a Mississippi State Board of Education approved screener. Kindergarten students must be screened during the spring semester and first grade students must be screened during the fall semester.

The screener is designed to identify the areas of concern and components of reading that may suggest characteristics of dyslexia. The screener will be used to identify your child’s strengths and weaknesses and may be used to design specialized instruction (i.e., individual support using learning styles, student interests, and visuals), interventions (intentional instruction that is aimed at a specific identified area), and classroom supports for your child which may include the three tiers of support.

This is **not** a comprehensive dyslexia assessment designed to diagnose your child with dyslexia.

On (enter date), (enter child’s name) was administered the (enter screener name) dyslexia screener and did not pass the following components of the screener:

* Phonological awareness and phonemic awareness (rhyming, syllabication, manipulation)
* Sound symbol recognition (letter sounds)
* Alphabet knowledge (letter identification)
* Decoding skills (reading)
* Encoding skills (spelling)
* Rapid naming (letter, color, or object naming)

Your child’s performance indicates that additional instructional support may be needed. The following supports will be provided for your child:

* Extra classroom reading supports that target the identified areas that have been identified on the screener
* Resources and supports that can be used at home to support your child

Also, an Individualized Reading Plan (IRP) may be developed to plan extra supports. If you would like more information concerning this notification feel free to contact your child’s teacher at his/her school.

Phone Number:

Email address:

Sincerely,