

## Title IX Harassment and Bullying Lesson Opt Out (Kindergarten-2025)

Dear Parent(s)/Caregiver(s):

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all students. Toward that end, age-appropriate kindergarten grade-level lessons have been developed to assist students in the following areas:

- Understanding consent
- Understanding personal space
- Understanding the right to say no
- Learning to respect the word no
- Steps to take if bullying or harassment is experienced at school (notification and reporting)
- Encouragement to report to trusted adults any bullying or harassment

Between March 17, 2025 and April 11, 2025, all Kindergarten students will receive classroom lessons on the above topics. The title of the book that will be utilized to deliver the message is “Don’t Hug The Quokka”, by Daniel Errico. The lessons may be reviewed at the following web address: <https://www.cmsk12.org/Page/891>. You will have two weeks from the date of this document to review the lessons and make an informed decision.

If you wish to exempt your child from the lesson for his/her grade, please complete and sign the form below. Return the form to your child’s teacher by March 14, 2025. If you wish for your child to receive the lessons, no action is required.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I **do not** give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the grade-level lesson on harassment and bullying.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or Caregiver)