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## Statement of Understanding of Abuse/Neglect Reporting

I certify that all of the following statements are true:

- I have been informed of the policies and procedures of Saxon Hill School, Inc. (SHSI) regarding reporting of suspected child abuse and/or neglect.
- I am aware that the abuse and/or neglect of children is against the law and is prohibited by SHSI.
- I understand that SHSI, in order to fully protect children, encourages the reporting of all suspicions of child abuse; and supports the ensuing investigations. I understand that the rights of all parties (the children, staff, and families involved with SHSI) will be respected during an investigation of any allegations against SHSI. The safety and protection of the children will take precedent, however, should/when a conflict of rights arises in any such investigation of abuse or neglect allegations.
- I understand that the staff of SHSI are mandated by state statute to report all suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.
- I have not been found to have abused or neglected a child in any way nor have I been convicted of any offense(s) involving violence or inappropriate behavior with children.
- I understand that falsification of this document may result in disciplinary action up to and including loss of employment (for SHSI staff) and loss of rights to volunteer in the classroom (for parent volunteers).

Parent/Guardian Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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