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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Babies Count is a national registry of young children with visual impairments. They have taken the charge to create this organized, systematic way to collect data on children younger than age 3 who are blind or visually impaired.

If you have a child younger than 3 years old and on an IFSP, we need your help in gathering data for the Babies Count registry. The Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments (TSVI) working with your child will be asking you a series of questions in order to complete the registration form. This information is only collected for data purposes. Data will be entered into the Babies Count database by NCECBVI staff, however no identifying information will be entered into the national registry. Instead, students are assigned a number so all information is kept confidential.

Although all the information collected through Babies Count is submitted confidentially without names, personally identifiable information (PII) is collected through the interview process and we must have your consent to participate in the registry. All PII collected for this registration is confidential and will be protected from unauthorized access or use. Your child's PII will not be shared with any other entities or for any other purpose, unless permitted by state or federal law.

Your written consent is required in order to provide this information to Babies Count. Consent to include your child in the Babies Count registration allows NCECBVI to collect information about young children in Nebraska. You may choose not to provide your consent; however, doing so will mean not having accurate data regarding infants and toddlers with vision impairments in Nebraska.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tanya Armstrong, Superintendent

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