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Dear Parent or Guardian:

McCarthy Middle School is seeking your permission to utilize a reliable, age-appropriate, and evidence-based tool, the Global Appraisal of Individual Needs – Short Screener (GAIN-SS). This brief set of questions is built for student support staff to identify potential barriers to learning, such as difficulty with sleep and focus, substance use, or other mental health challenges such as depression or anxiety. Results of the screener can be utilized to assist school staff in identifying appropriate supports. **Your student may only be screened with your consent.**

If you would like more information about GAIN-SS, or if you have any questions about the screener or its implementation at McCarthy Middle School, please contact Meg Aloise at aloisem@nashua.edu

Please indicate below if you agree for your student to be screened if student support staff have identified concerns. **We must receive *written/electronic* permission to use this tool.**

Date:

Name of student:

Name of parent or guardian:

- I do give permission for my student to participate in the GAIN-SS if invited to do so.
- I do not give permission for my child to participate in the GAIN-SS.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_